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HOUSE BILL 1

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE,  
SECOND SESSION, 2024, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES,  
INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE LEGISLATIVE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE,  
THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE, THE  
SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE  
LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for  
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New  
Mexico for the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature  
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of  
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1 employees and for other expenses of the legislature, seven  
2 million twenty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$7,021,900)  
3 or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

4 B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of  
5 this section are as follows:

6 (1) per diem for senators . . . . . \$240,700;

7 (2) per diem for members of the house of  
8 representatives . . . . . \$401,100;

9 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate  
10 going to and returning from the seat of government by the  
11 usually traveled route, one round trip. . . . . \$7,400;

12 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house  
13 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of  
14 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . .  
15 . . . . . \$12,300;

16 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate  
17 employees . . . . . \$2,096,100;

18 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of  
19 representatives employees . . . . . \$1,872,000;

20 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized  
21 above, four hundred seventy-nine thousand six hundred dollars  
22 (\$479,600). No part of this item may be transferred to  
23 salaries or employee benefits;

24 (8) for expense of the house of  
25 representatives not itemized above, four hundred fifty-five

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1 thousand five hundred dollars (\$455,500). No part of this item  
2 may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

3 (9) for session expenses of the legislative  
4 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint  
5 legislative switchboard, one million four hundred fifty-seven  
6 thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,457,200) to be disbursed upon  
7 vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council  
8 service or the director's designee.

9 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be  
10 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'  
11 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief  
12 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of  
13 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
14 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's  
15 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures  
16 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection  
17 B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by  
18 the director of the legislative council service or the  
19 director's designee.

20 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for  
21 the second session of the fifty-sixth legislature, the chair of  
22 the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the  
23 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of  
24 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the  
25 printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,

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1 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or  
2 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of all  
3 necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses.  
4 They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all  
5 supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the  
6 appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery  
7 and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the committees'  
8 committee in the senate or by the speaker of the house.

9 SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--For the  
10 second session of the fifty-sixth legislature, bills,  
11 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials  
12 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to  
13 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are  
14 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a  
15 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,  
16 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution  
17 materials to the following:

18 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the  
19 house of representatives and the senate;

20 B. upon written request, one copy to each county  
21 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and  
22 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported  
23 institution of higher learning; and

24 C. upon written request, one copy to each state  
25 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each

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1 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each  
2 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New  
3 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in the  
4 state.

5           **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is  
6 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council  
7 service for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, to be disbursed  
8 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council  
9 service or the director's designee, the following:

10	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$8,899,900
11	Contractual Services	620,000
12	Other Costs	1,104,000
13	Total	\$10,623,900.

14           **SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.**--There is appropriated from the  
15 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of  
16 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of  
17 this act, for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, unless otherwise  
18 indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director  
19 of the legislative council service or the director's designee,  
20 the following:

21           A. for travel expenses of legislators other than  
22 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council  
23 business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary  
24 expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary  
25 legislative expenses, three million dollars (\$3,000,000);

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1 provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer  
2 amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the  
3 fiscal years for which appropriated, to any other legislative  
4 appropriation where they may be needed;

5 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary  
6 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session  
7 preparation, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000);

8 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,  
9 sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000);

10 D. for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 and 2025,  
11 for dues and fees of national organizations of which the  
12 legislature is a member, four hundred seventy-five thousand one  
13 hundred dollars (\$475,100);

14 E. for the legislative information system, for  
15 fiscal years 2024 and 2025, two million seven hundred seventy-  
16 three thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,773,600);

17 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules  
18 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000); and

19 G. for the contractual services of the capitol  
20 buildings planning commission, two hundred fifty thousand  
21 dollars (\$250,000).

22 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is  
23 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance  
24 committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, to be disbursed  
25 upon vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the

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1 chair's designated representative, the following:

2	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$6,294,800
3	Contractual Services	386,000
4	Other Costs	636,000
5	Total	\$7,316,800.

6 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There  
7 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
8 education study committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2025,  
9 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the  
10 committee or the chair's designated representative, the  
11 following:

12	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,596,500
13	Contractual Services	70,000
14	Other Costs	190,000
15	Total	\$1,856,500.

16 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from  
17 the general fund to the legislative council service for  
18 expenditure in fiscal year 2025 for the operation of the house  
19 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
20 director of the legislative council service, the following:

21	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,953,500
22	Contractual Services	333,800
23	Other Costs	70,000
24	Total	\$3,357,300.

25 SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated

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1 from the general fund to the legislative council service for  
2 expenditure in fiscal year 2025 for the operation of the senate  
3 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
4 director of the legislative council service, the following:

5	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,605,200
6	Contractual Services	656,000
7	Other Costs	105,900
8	Total	\$3,367,100.

9 SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-  
10 PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--

11 There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for  
12 the legislative department's share of the continued development  
13 required for the master database of official annotated laws of  
14 the state, markup language and tagging and its use for  
15 legislative document systems and a tagged database of the  
16 session laws and for the costs associated in collaborating with  
17 the New Mexico compilation commission on the ongoing  
18 development and expanding partnership role with the New Mexico  
19 compilation commission in the self-publication of the *New*  
20 *Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including technology for freely  
21 accessible laws and hard-copy publication, four hundred  
22 thousand dollars (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years  
23 2024 and 2025.

24 SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in  
25 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for informational  
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purposes only and may be transferred among categories.

SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that plan.

SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.