

HOUSE BILL 131

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING BUREAU  
WITHIN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING DUTIES; REQUIRING INTERAGENCY  
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section of the Economic Development  
Department Act, Section 9-15-4.2 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"9-15-4.2. [NEW MATERIAL] PLANNING BUREAU--ESTABLISHED--  
DUTIES.--

A. The "planning bureau" is established in the  
economic development division of the department to address  
issues relating to the state's growth and development and to  
help coordinate the state's use of land, facilities and

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1 resources.

2 B. The planning bureau shall:

3 (1) in collaboration with the department of  
4 transportation, the department of environment, the New Mexico  
5 mortgage finance authority, the state's regional planning  
6 commissions created pursuant to the Regional Planning Act and  
7 the state's three regional housing authorities, prepare a  
8 comprehensive plan to address future development in the state,  
9 with emphasis on:

10 (a) creation of jobs and housing and  
11 transportation needs and linkages; and

12 (b) interagency and intergovernmental  
13 collaboration and coordination;

14 (2) update the development plan every three  
15 years or more frequently, as deemed necessary by the bureau;  
16 and

17 (3) collaborate with an Indian nation, tribe  
18 or pueblo on matters relating to development and planning upon  
19 request of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo."

20 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars  
21 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
22 economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year  
23 2027 and subsequent fiscal years for staffing the planning  
24 bureau of the economic development division of the economic  
25 development department. Any unexpended balance remaining at

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1 the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

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