1	HOUSE BILL 564
2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
12	SEVERANCE TAX BONDS TO PURCHASE SATELLITE EQUIPMENT TO
13	INTERCONNECT CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND POST-SECONDARY
14	INSTITUTIONS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
17	Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDSPURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED
18	APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDSThe state board of finance may issue
19	and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance
20	Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding five hundred forty-
21	nine thousand dollars (\$549,000) when the board of regents of
22	New Mexico highlands university certifies the need for the
23	issuance of the bonds. The state board of finance shall
24	schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most
25	expeditious and economical manner possible upon a finding by the

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board that the project has been developed sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the project can proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The state board of finance shall further take the appropriate steps necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the board of regents of New Mexico highlands university for the purpose of purchasing satellite equipment to interconnect Luna vocational-technical institute, San Juan college, Santa Fe community college, northern New Mexico state school and twenty-seven public school districts in four regional clusters with New Mexico highlands university and to expand upon the development of regional resources through these various partnerships in telecommunications technology. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund. If the board of regents of New Mexico highlands university has not certified the need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of fiscal year 1999, the authorization provided in this section shall be void.

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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