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HOUSE BILL 1258

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

DANICE PICRAUX

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC WELFARE; PROVIDING FOR AN INMATE WORK FOOD
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND PILOT PROJECT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. INMATE WORK FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM - PILOT
PROJECT. --

A. The corrections department shall establish and
administer an inmate work food distribution program. The
program shall provide for and administer a food harvesting and
distribution program of agricultural crops that might otherwise
go to waste. The agricultural crops shall be distributed to
sick or indigent persons. The corrections department shall
cooperate with other departments, public bodies and private
landowners as it deems appropriate to develop and implement
policies and procedures and shall provide staffing and

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1 administrative support for the program, including its harvesting
2 and distribution systems.

3 B. As part of the inmate work food distribution
4 program, the corrections department shall conduct a harvesting
5 and distribution pilot project commencing July 1, 1997 using
6 minimum-security inmates of state and local correctional
7 facilities. The corrections department shall cooperate with the
8 human services department to establish and implement the food
9 distribution system, policies, procedures or other features of
10 the pilot project.

11 C. The pilot project shall be implemented on state
12 or private lands, with the private landowner's consent, that are
13 in proximity to the correctional facilities housing the inmates.
14 Agricultural products harvested through the pilot project shall
15 be distributed only to sick or indigent persons.

16 D. The corrections department shall report and make
17 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee
18 not later than November 1, 1998 on whether to continue,
19 discontinue or modify the pilot project.

20 E. As used in this section: "agricultural crop"
21 means any owner-donated food or nonfood crop or product grown on
22 land, including firewood.

23 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred forty thousand
24 dollars (\$140,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 corrections department for expenditure in fiscal years 1998 and

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1 1999 for the purpose of establishing and operating a food
2 harvesting and distribution pilot project. Any unexpended or
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998
4 shall not revert. Any unexpended and unencumbered balance
5 remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the
6 general fund.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
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March 6, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Hobbs

Absent: None

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