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SENATE BILL 693

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR THE NAVAJO VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN MCKINLEY AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED--Section 1. APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS. -- The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) when the New Mexico office of Indian affairs certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds. The state board of finance shall schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most expeditious and economical manner possible upon a finding by the board that the project has been developed

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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. proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the New Mexico office of Indian affairs for the purpose of purchasing building materials, constructing new homes and renovating existing homes for Navajo veterans located in San Juan and McKinley counties. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund. If the New Mexico office of Indian affairs 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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Mr. President:

Your INDIAN & CULTURAL 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 **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

 ${\bf Respectfully\ submitted,}$

February 18, 1997

John Pinto, Chairman

______ Not Adopted_____ Adopted__ (Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk) Date _____ The roll call vote was $\underline{5}$ For $\underline{0}$ Against Yes: No: Excused: Carraro, Davis, Kysar, Rawson Absent: None S0693IC1