SENATE BILL 945

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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY AT RUIDOSO INSTRUCTION CENTER IN LINCOLN COUNTY: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSES FOR WHICH ISSUED--APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS.--

A. 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 two hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$239,000) when the board of regents of eastern New Mexico university 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

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manner possible upon a finding by the 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 eastern New Mexico university in the following amounts for the following purposes at the Ruidoso instruction center in Lincoln county:

- (1) forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) for computer equipment;
- $\mbox{(2) thirty-four thousand dollars ($34,000) to} \\ \mbox{expand the library;}$
- (3) seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) to construct an addition to serve as a study area, for student services and as faculty offices;
- (4) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a daytime classroom for the growing number of younger students requesting classes; and
- $\hspace{1.5cm} \textbf{(5)} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for } \\ \textbf{bathroom facilities}.$
- B. If the board of regents of eastern New Mexico 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. Any unexpended or unencumbered

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balance remaining from the proceeds of severance tax bonds issued pursuant to Subsection A of this section at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund.

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

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