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SENATE BILL 1088

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

INTRODUCED BY

LEONARD LEE RAWSON

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHTS OF WAY AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 70 FROM THE INTERCHANGE WITH INTERSTATE 10 TO WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE IN DONA ANA COUNTY.

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. --

- A. The legislature finds that Las Cruces, its suburbs and neighboring communities have grown tremendously in the last few years with the highest growth rate occurring in the census tracts immediately adjacent to United States highway 70.
- B. The legislature further finds that United States highway 70, a major feeder highway that connects Las Cruces with Tucson, has the highest traffic count in the southern part of the state.

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C. The legislature further finds that the accident rate along the fourteen-mile segment between the community of Organ and interstate 25 is unacceptably high. An appropriation is necessary to make the improvements that will provide for the safety of the citizens and ensure the opportunity for development and expansion of space-related facilities.

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. - -

Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) is appropriated from the state road fund to the state highway and transportation department for expenditure in fiscal years 1998 through 2005 for the purpose of acquiring rights of way and designing and constructing improvements to United States highway 70 between the interstate 10 interchange and White Sands missile range in Dona Ana county. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the state road fund.

The expenditure authorized in Subsection A of В. this section is contingent upon congressional appropriation of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) and the city of Las Cruces allocating six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in matching funds.

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1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE 2 FIRST SESSION, 1997 5 February 26, 1997 6 7 Mr. President: 9 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to 10 11 whom has been referred 12 13 **SENATE BILL 1088** 14 **15** has had it under consideration and reports same with 16 recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the 17 FINANCE COMMITTEE. **18 19** 20 Respectfully submitted, 21 22 23 24

Ronan M Maes, III, Chairnan

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