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SENATE BILL

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; CREATING THE INTERIM  
LEGISLATIVE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORK GROUP; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] FINDINGS.--The legislature  
finds that nonprofit organizations are an important part of the  
state's economy, that they employ many New Mexicans and that  
they provide critical services to communities throughout the  
state, in many cases through contracts with state agencies.  
The legislature finds that nonprofit organizations could  
benefit from the establishment of support systems that help the  
organizations to improve their management, transparency,  
administration and provision of services and other aspects of  
their operations. The legislature also finds that a work group

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1 should be convened to study the needs of nonprofit  
2 organizations, the potential benefits to the state and  
3 nonprofit organizations of establishing support systems for  
4 those organizations and a model on which those support systems  
5 could be based and to make a report on the study pursuant to  
6 Section 4 of this act.

7 SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WORK  
8 GROUP CREATED--TERMINATION.--There is created an interim  
9 legislative work group that shall be known as the "nonprofit  
10 organizations work group". The work group shall function from  
11 the date of its appointment until December 1 prior to the first  
12 session of the fifty-second legislature.

13 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--  
14 VACANCIES.--

15 A. The nonprofit organizations work group shall be  
16 composed of eight members whose expertise is relevant to the  
17 work of the nonprofit organizations work group. Two members  
18 shall be appointed by the governor and one member shall be  
19 appointed by each of the following:

- 20 (1) the speaker of the house of  
21 representatives;
- 22 (2) the president pro tempore of the senate;
- 23 (3) the majority floor leader of the house;
- 24 (4) the majority floor leader of the senate;
- 25 (5) the minority floor leader of the house;

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1 and

2 (6) the minority floor leader of the senate.

3 B. A vacancy on the nonprofit organizations work  
4 group shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the  
5 original appointment.

6 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] DUTIES.--The nonprofit  
7 organizations work group shall meet during the 2014 legislative  
8 interim to assess the needs of nonprofit organizations in the  
9 state and to develop a list of recommendations for support  
10 systems that could help nonprofit organizations to operate  
11 successfully. The nonprofit organizations work group shall  
12 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
13 legislative health and human services committee, the economic  
14 and rural development committee and any other appropriate  
15 interim legislative committees by November 1, 2014.

16 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
17 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
18 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years  
19 2014 and 2015 for the operation of the nonprofit organizations  
20 work group. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
21 at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general  
22 fund.

23 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
24 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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