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HOUSE BILL 889

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
COURTS TO STUDY AN ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR WATER RIGHTS
ADJUDICATIONS.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred thousand dollars
(\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal
year 2002 to study and develop recommendations, in cooperation
with the office of the state engineer, for improving the water
rights adjudication process, including proposals for
prioritization of ground water basins and stream systems,
ensuring availability of resources to the courts, shortening
and simplifying the litigation process for all litigants and
expediting the completion of adjudications. Any unexpended or**

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1 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002
2 shall revert to the general fund.

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