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HOUSE BILL 45

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PLACE ECONOMIC DEMOGRAPHERS IN THE STATE'S PLANNING DISTRICTS TO PIONEER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PREDICTIVE MODEL TO FORECAST THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC FUTURES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year 2011 to work in conjunction with the department of environment and the workforce solutions, public education and tourism departments to provide for economic demographers for the state's planning districts to pioneer the development of a predictive model to forecast the demographic and economic futures of local

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1 communities to be placed in each of the following areas:

2 (1) in the eastern plains, to cover Curry, De  
3 Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt and Union counties;

4 (2) in the central mid-region, to cover  
5 Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia counties and some  
6 portions of Santa Fe county;

7 (3) in the north central region, to serve  
8 Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Taos  
9 counties and some parts of Sandoval and Santa Fe counties;

10 (4) in the northwest area, to serve Cibola,  
11 McKinley and San Juan counties;

12 (5) in the south central area, to serve  
13 Sierra, Socorro and Dona Ana counties;

14 (6) in the southeastern region, to serve  
15 Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties; and

16 (7) in the southwest, to serve Catron, Grant,  
17 Hidalgo and Luna counties.

18 B. The economic development department may retain  
19 up to ten percent of the appropriation for administrative costs  
20 associated with the demographers and shall report to the  
21 appropriate interim legislative committee on the demographers'  
22 progress by November 2010.

23 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
24 at the end of fiscal year 2011 shall revert to the general  
25 fund.

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