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SENATE BILL 231

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY
RESOURCES CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO; CREATING THE
JOE M STELL WATER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM WITHIN THE UTTON
TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21, Article 7 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER--JOE
M STELL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.--

A. The "Utton transboundary resources center" is
created at the university of New Mexico school of law.

B. The purposes of the center are to:

(1) promote policies for the equitable and
sustainable management of water and other transboundary natural

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1 resources and reduce conflict over the use of those resources;

2 (2) provide information, expertise, research
3 and education to the public and the legal community about
4 water-related policies and legal issues, including the water
5 rights adjudication process; and

6 (3) coordinate with the university of New
7 Mexico school of law and other academic institutions and
8 programs in providing its services.

9 C. The "Joe M Stell water ombudsman program" is
10 created within the Utton transboundary resources center. The
11 program shall provide unrepresented parties in water rights
12 adjudications with informational and educational assistance
13 regarding the adjudication process.

14 D. The center may receive appropriations from the
15 legislature through the board of regents of the university of
16 New Mexico and may receive gifts, grants, donations and other
17 support from public or private sources.

18 E. The center may operate as part of or in
19 conjunction with other programs, centers or institutes
20 established by the university of New Mexico school of law."