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HOUSE BILL
57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025
INTRODUCED BY

AN ACT
RELATING TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM
LEGISLATIVE CASH BALANCES FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE FIRST
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOTS AND PROGRAMS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE INDIAN
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND PUBLIC RADIO,
THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE, HEALTH CARE AND
MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE AND STAFFING AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY COSTS, THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT FOR A
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERSTATE
COMPACT AND NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A COLLEGE
ASSISTANCE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; MAKING CERTAIN TRANSFERS;
REVERTING CERTAIN BALANCES FROM A LAWS 2023 GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. SPECIAL SESSION--APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from legislative cash balances for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the following expenses of the first special session of the fifty-seventh legislature. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to legislative cash balances:

(1) for the expense of the house of representatives, one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the chief clerk's designee;

(2) for the expense of the senate, seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief clerk's designee; and

(3) for the expense of the legislative council service, sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or the director's designee.

B. Following adjournment of the first special session of the fifty-seventh legislature, expenditures authorized in this section shall be disbursed on vouchers

1 signed by the director of the legislative council service or
2 the director's designee.

3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION--ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
4 COURTS.--One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from
5 the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for
6 expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for the expansion of
7 assisted outpatient treatment programs, competency diversion
8 pilot programs and other behavioral health pilot programs. Any
9 unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027
10 shall revert to the general fund.

11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS--EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION AND
12 PUBLIC RADIO.--

13 A. Five million five hundred sixty thousand nine
14 hundred sixty-two dollars (\$5,560,962) is appropriated from the
15 general fund to the department of finance and administration
16 for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for educational
17 television and public radio. Any unexpended balance remaining
18 at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general
19 fund.

20 B. Four hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred
21 twenty-seven dollars (\$429,527) is appropriated from the
22 general fund to the Indian affairs department for expenditure
23 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for educational television and
24 public radio provided by and for Indian nations, tribes and
25 pueblos. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal

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1 year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

2 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS--HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY.--

3 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
4 general fund to the health care authority for expenditure in
5 fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any unexpended balance remaining
6 at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general
7 fund:

8 (1) four million six hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$4,600,000) to maintain the minimum federal supplemental
10 nutrition assistance program benefit for elders and people with
11 disabilities;

12 (2) twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to
13 maintain the minimum federal supplemental nutrition assistance
14 program benefit for lawfully present residents;

15 (3) one million two hundred forty-six thousand
16 dollars (\$1,246,000) to prevent layoffs of employees
17 administering the federal supplemental nutrition assistance
18 program nutrition education and obesity prevention grant
19 program at the university of New Mexico and New Mexico state
20 university;

21 (4) eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to
22 support food banks, food pantries, regional distribution
23 organizations and partner agencies in the state to ensure
24 access to nutritious food, including two million five hundred
25 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for capacity building,

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1 transportation, logistics and operational expenses;

2 (5) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to
3 support educational-based centers and food pantry and food
4 distribution programs in consultation with the early childhood
5 education and care department, the public education department
6 and the higher education department;

7 (6) one million five hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$1,500,000) to, in consultation with the workforce solutions
9 department, support individuals in meeting work and volunteer
10 requirements necessary to qualify for benefits under the
11 federal supplemental nutrition assistance program and the state
12 medicaid program;

13 (7) four million four hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$4,400,000) for additional staffing and administrative costs
15 for the income support division of the authority;

16 (8) two million two hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$2,200,000) for services, additional staffing and
18 administrative costs for the medical assistance division of the
19 authority; and

20 (9) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for
21 updates to information technology and other costs related to
22 changes to eligibility requirements for medicaid and the
23 federal supplemental nutrition assistance program made by
24 Public Law No. 119-21.

25 B. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is

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1 appropriated from the general fund to the health care authority
2 for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to contract for health care
3 services provided by nonprofit health care facilities not
4 eligible under federal law to receive medicaid funding. Any
5 unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026
6 shall revert to the general fund.

7 C. Seventeen million three hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$17,300,000) is appropriated from the health care
9 affordability fund to the health care authority for expenditure
10 in fiscal year 2026 to reduce health care premiums and cost
11 sharing for New Mexico residents who purchase health care
12 coverage on the New Mexico health insurance exchange contingent
13 on enactment of House Bill 2 or similar legislation of the
14 first special session of the fifty-seventh legislature. Any
15 unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026
16 shall revert to the health care affordability fund.

17 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS--REGULATION AND LICENSING
18 DEPARTMENT.--The following amounts are appropriated from the
19 general fund to the regulation and licensing department for
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2026. Any unexpended balance
21 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the
22 general fund:

23 A. seven million eight hundred seventy-nine
24 thousand six hundred six dollars (\$7,879,606) for projected
25 shortfalls in operating expenses and to remediate cash

1 deficits; and

2 B. one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to
3 implement interstate compacts regarding health care
4 professionals.

5 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION--NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.--

6 Four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) is appropriated
7 from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico
8 state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the
9 university's college assistance program to provide post-
10 secondary educational needs of United States citizens and
11 permanent legal residents who worked as migratory seasonal
12 farmworkers, dairy workers and ranch workers. Any unexpended
13 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert
14 to the general fund.

15 SECTION 7. TRANSFERS.--

16 A. Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) is
17 transferred from the general fund to the appropriation
18 contingency fund.

19 B. Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) is
20 transferred from the general fund to the rural health care
21 delivery fund.

22 SECTION 8. REVERSION OF BALANCES FROM LAWS 2023 GENERAL
23 FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.--On the
24 effective date of this act, one hundred twenty million dollars
25 (\$120,000,000) of the unexpended balance of the appropriation

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1 to the human services department for the medical assistance
2 program in the other category as provided in Laws 2023, Chapter
3 210, Section 4 shall revert to the general fund operating
4 reserve, and within thirty days of the effective date of this
5 act, the department of finance and administration shall
6 transfer such unexpended balance to the general fund operating
7 reserve.

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