

1 SENATE BILL 46

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO
12 EXPLORE THE DIVERSION OF ORGANIC WASTE FROM THE SOLID WASTE
13 STREAM AND TO COMMISSION A WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thirty thousand
17 dollars (\$130,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 department of environment for expenditure in fiscal year 2027
19 to explore pollution reduction and cost-saving opportunities
20 resulting from the diversion of organic waste from the solid
21 waste stream and to conduct a waste characterization study to
22 assess the current types and quantities of solid waste, organic
23 waste and composting feed stock produced and disposed of in the
24 state. The department of environment shall submit a report
25 detailing the department's findings to the appropriate

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1 legislative interim committee dealing with the environment
2 before June 30, 2027. Any unexpended balance remaining at the
3 end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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