SENATE BILL 793

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING AND REPORTING ON GROWTH IMPACTS AND ISSUES IN CERTAIN NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING HIGH GROWTH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION.--

A. The appropriation provided in Section 2 of this act is to be used by the university of New Mexico school of architecture and planning to investigate, study and report on growth issues and impacts in six New Mexico communities, counties or regions subject to high growth rates. The evaluation shall:

(1) investigate different types of growth in New Mexico and their particular impacts on communities, natural

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1 resources, people and public and private facilities and

2 infrastructure, as well as limits and issues related to

3 potential future growth;

4   (2)   investigate the fiscal impacts of growth on

5 state, county and local taxpayers and local, county and state

6 government in the selected growth areas;

7   (3)   investigate the efficacy and

8 appropriateness of existing enabling laws related to development

9 and land use, such as zoning regulation, historic districts and

10 landmarks, subdivisions and planning and platting, annexation of

11 territory, regional planning, community development and urban

12 development;

13   (4)   investigate problems such as the need for

14 regional cooperation and the relationship between the planning

15 and development review and approval that may not be addressed by

16 the existing laws;

17   (5)   investigate policies and processes that

18 would help:

19   (a)   provide more certainty in determining

20 where new development should and should not occur;

21   (b)   make more efficient use of land that

22 has already been developed, including a strong focus on job

23 creation and housing in established urban areas;

24   (c)   establish a legal and procedural

25 framework to create desired certainty and send appropriate

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1   economic signals to investors; and

2   (d)   include communities, people and

3   government in the process of managing future growth that may

4   affect them; and

5   (6)   consider the effects that such policies

6   might have if applied or not applied in areas of the state

7   experiencing slower growth.

8   B.   The university of New Mexico school of

9   architecture and planning shall coordinate this comprehensive

10   evaluation with and seek appropriate involvement and support

11   from the university of New Mexico bureau of business and

12   economic research and the university of New Mexico institute of

13   public law.   The university of New Mexico may contract with

14   appropriate professional to assist in the evaluation.

15   C.   The comprehensive evaluation shall include a

16   written report to be presented to the appropriate interim

17   legislative committee no later than December 1, 1997.   The

18   comprehensive evaluation shall also include a public

19   presentation of its findings and conclusions no later than

20   December 31, 1997.

21   Section 2.   APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars

22   ($100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of

23   regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in

24   fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the purpose of funding a study by

25   the school of architecture and planning to evaluate and report

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1   on growth impacts and issues in six New Mexico communities,

2   counties or regions experiencing high growth.   Any unexpended or

3   unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998

4   shall revert to the general fund.

5   Section 3.   EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public

6   peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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