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HOUSE BILL

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES TO REMEDIATE THE CARLSBAD BRINE WELL CAVERN AND VICINITY AT U.S. ROUTES 285 AND 62 IN CARLSBAD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the oil conservation division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department for expenditure in fiscal years 2017 through 2019 to develop a design-build request for proposals for services to remediate the Carlsbad brine well cavern located at: Unit Letter M (SW/4 of the SW/4) in Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, NMPM; Eddy County, New

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1 Mexico. The division shall act pursuant to the advice of the  
2 Carlsbad brine well remediation advisory authority. Any  
3 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
4 fiscal year 2019 shall revert to the general fund.

5 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
6 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.