

1 HOUSE BILL 225

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES; CREATING THE KIKI SAAVEDRA  
12 SENIOR DIGNITY FUND; PROVIDING PURPOSES FOR THE FUND; MAKING AN  
13 APPROPRIATION.  
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. ~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ KIKI SAAVEDRA SENIOR DIGNITY  
17 FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE--APPROPRIATION.--

18 A. The "Kiki Saavedra senior dignity fund" is  
19 created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury and shall  
20 be administered by the aging and long-term services department.  
21 The fund consists of money that is appropriated or donated or  
22 that otherwise accrues to the fund.

23 B. Money in the Kiki Saavedra senior dignity fund  
24 is appropriated to the aging and long-term services department  
25 to address high-priority services for senior citizens in New

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1 Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and  
2 behavioral health, case management and caregiving. More  
3 particularly, the goals of the fund are increased access for  
4 seniors and adults with disabilities, including veterans, to  
5 specialty vehicles and to specialty physical and behavioral  
6 health care not always provided in rural areas; assistance with  
7 appointments and meals in underserved areas of the state; and  
8 care coordination through community health workers.

9 C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on  
10 warrants drawn by the secretary of finance and administration  
11 pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of aging and long-  
12 term services or the secretary's authorized representative.

13 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five million dollars  
14 (\$25,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the Kiki  
15 Saavedra senior dignity fund for expenditure in fiscal year  
16 2021 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of  
17 the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
18 the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.