

HOUSE BILL 226

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE
INTERIM SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT WORK GROUP; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT
WORK GROUP CREATED--TERMINATION.--**The "small business support
work group" is created as an interim legislative work group.
The work group shall function from the date of its appointment
until December 1 prior to the second session of the fifty-
second legislature.

**SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MEMBERSHIP--
APPOINTMENT.--**The small business support work group shall be
composed of nine members appointed by the New Mexico
legislative council. Three members shall be members of the

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1 house of representatives, three members shall be members of the
2 senate and three members shall be public members whose
3 professional expertise is related to the work group's purpose.
4 No more than five members shall be members of the same major
5 political party.

6 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DUTIES.--

7 A. After its appointment, the small business
8 support work group shall hold one organizational meeting to
9 develop a work plan and budget for the 2015 legislative
10 interim. The work plan and budget shall be submitted to the
11 New Mexico legislative council for approval.

12 B. Upon approval of its work plan and budget, the
13 work group shall:

14 (1) study the needs of small businesses in the
15 state that are independently owned and operated and that employ
16 fifty or fewer full-time employees;

17 (2) complete a qualitative and quantitative
18 analysis of the needs of the state's small businesses;

19 (3) develop recommendations for a state small
20 business growth strategy; and

21 (4) report the findings of its analysis and
22 its recommendations to the legislature along with any proposed
23 legislation before December 1, 2015.

24 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--STAFF.--The staff for the
25 small business support work group shall be provided by the

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1 legislative council service.

2 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
4 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years
5 2015 and 2016 to reimburse the per diem and mileage expenses of
6 the small business support work group members and to pay other
7 expenses, including contracting expenses, of the work group.
8 Payments from the appropriation shall be made on warrants drawn
9 by the secretary of finance and administration on vouchers
10 signed by the director of the legislative council service or
11 the director's authorized representative. Any unexpended or
12 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016
13 shall revert to the general fund.

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