

HOUSE BILL 272

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS
TOWARD JOB CREATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. Eighteen million five hundred fifty thousand
dollars (\$18,550,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
the economic development department for the following purposes:

(1) one million five hundred thousand dollars
(\$1,500,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for the
corporation created pursuant to the Economic Development
Corporation Act to use for marketing and hiring employees
sufficient to meet prospect-development and caseload-by-
industry targets;

(2) two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for

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1 expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for a cooperative marketing
2 program that provides matching funds to stimulate local
3 prospect-development efforts;

4 (3) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for
5 expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for projects pursuant to the
6 Local Economic Development Act. The economic development
7 department shall report its progress to the appropriate interim
8 legislative committee;

9 (4) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
10 for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for certified business
11 incubators;

12 (5) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)
13 for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for a program to prepare
14 for and respond to economic base employment opportunities
15 generated by United States forest service restoration programs;

16 (6) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
17 (\$250,000) for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 to develop and
18 test a job creation program focused on solo workers; and

19 (7) four million five hundred thousand dollars
20 (\$4,500,000) to the development training fund for expenditure
21 in fiscal year 2015 and subsequent fiscal years for a
22 development training program providing classroom and in-plant
23 training to furnish qualified human resources for certain new
24 or expanding industries and businesses in the state. Any
25 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a

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1 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

2 B. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is
3 appropriated from the general fund to the tourism department
4 for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for the following purposes:

5 (1) two million five hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$2,500,000) to expand marketing and develop visitor-experience
7 activities; and

8 (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
9 to develop and begin implementing an online customer service
10 training system to improve customer service in the tourism and
11 hospitality industries.

12 C. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is
13 appropriated from the general fund to the higher education
14 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 to develop a
15 work force gap forecasting model that will identify the number
16 of jobs that will be needed in the future, the skills,
17 knowledge and experience that those jobs will require, the
18 education and training pipeline and the gaps in supply and
19 demand.

20 D. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) is
21 appropriated from the general fund to the workforce solutions
22 department for expenditure in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 to
23 implement or expand summer youth employment programs that
24 include work force skill development and mentoring in state and
25 local government agencies.

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E. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 2015 for the bureau of business and economic research at the university of New Mexico to develop a jobs-impact model that would help decision-makers evaluate the impact of proposed legislation on the likely creation or destruction of economic base jobs.

F. Except as otherwise provided, any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 from an appropriation in this section shall revert to the general fund.

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