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HOUSE BILL 68

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
CLEAR CATTLE GUARDS ON NEW MEXICAN NATIVE AMERICAN NATION,
TRIBE AND PUEBLO LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is
appropriated from the general fund to the department of
transportation for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 to clear
cattle guards on New Mexican Native American nation, tribe and
pueblo lands.

B. The department of transportation shall consult
with the Native American nations, tribes and pueblos to assess
which cattle guards need clearing and prioritize those with the
greatest need and use. The department shall also obtain any

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1 right-of-way privileges needed before clearing a cattle guard.

2 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
3 at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general
4 fund.