

1 SENATE BILL 70

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO WATER; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
13 ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL PLANNING
14 COMMISSION TO PROVIDE WATER PROJECT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT,
15 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO
16 COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS THAT ARE
17 ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR WATER PROJECT ASSISTANCE FROM THE NEW
18 MEXICO UNIT FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 72-14-45 NMSA 1978 (BEING
19 LAWS 2011, CHAPTER 99, SECTION 1, AS AMENDED).

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

22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Six hundred thousand dollars
23 (\$600,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local
24 government division of the department of finance and
25 administration for the southwest New Mexico regional planning

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1 commission established pursuant to the Regional Planning Act
2 for expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2027 to provide
3 water project proposal development, project implementation
4 assistance and application assistance to county, municipal and
5 special district governments that are eligible to apply for
6 water project assistance from the New Mexico unit fund pursuant
7 to Section 72-14-45 NMSA 1978. Any unexpended or unencumbered
8 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert
9 to the general fund.