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HOUSE BILL 443

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; TRANSFERRING THE NATURAL  
RESOURCE REVENUE RECOVERY TASK FORCE TO THE NEW MEXICO  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; EXTENDING THE TERMINATION OF THE  
TASK FORCE; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 19-1A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,  
Chapter 42, Section 2) is amended to read:

"19-1A-2. NATURAL RESOURCE REVENUE RECOVERY TASK FORCE--  
CREATED--MEMBERS--DUTIES.--

A. There is created in the [~~state land office~~] New  
Mexico department of agriculture an advisory task force that  
shall be known as the "natural resource revenue recovery task  
force".

B. The task force shall be composed of nine

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1 members. The speaker of the house of representatives and the  
2 president pro tempore of the senate shall each appoint two  
3 members who represent affected counties and are knowledgeable  
4 about agricultural and rural issues. The governor shall  
5 appoint three members and the commissioner of public lands  
6 shall appoint two members who:

7 (1) are county commissioners from affected  
8 counties;

9 (2) represent the different geographic regions  
10 of the state, including north, south, east and west;

11 (3) are knowledgeable about agricultural,  
12 forest, mining or other extractive industries and water issues;  
13 or

14 (4) are nominated by rural counties in the New  
15 Mexico association of counties.

16 C. The task force shall:

17 (1) review and analyze the historical and  
18 current differences between the prices received by agricultural  
19 producers and the prices paid by consumers;

20 (2) gather and compile information on the  
21 impact of the federal laws that affect agriculture and  
22 extraction industries, specifically the Agriculture Adjustment  
23 Act and the National Industrial Recovery Act as originally  
24 enacted;

25 (3) evaluate the United States congress's

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1 original objectives to stabilize commodity prices and rural  
2 income, manage public lands for multiple use, preserve grazing  
3 and water rights and foster timber harvests compared to the  
4 laws' outcomes;

5 (4) assess the relationship of these laws with  
6 the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Kearny's Code and the  
7 preservation of New Mexico's private property rights contained  
8 in the United States constitution;

9 (5) define the economic impact of the  
10 Agriculture Adjustment Act and the National Industrial Recovery  
11 Act upon agricultural producers, natural resource industries  
12 and related businesses and the impact on county and state  
13 revenues;

14 (6) develop state policies to counteract the  
15 negative effect of federal law; and

16 (7) report its findings and recommendations  
17 annually by December 1 to the New Mexico legislative council  
18 and the governor.

19 D. The chair of the task force shall be elected by  
20 the task force, and the task force shall meet at the call of  
21 the chair.

22 E. The public members of the task force shall  
23 receive per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and  
24 Mileage Act.

25 F. The staff for the task force shall be provided

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1 by the [~~state land office~~] New Mexico department of  
2 agriculture."

3 Section 2. Section 19-1A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,  
4 Chapter 42, Section 3) is amended to read:

5 "19-1A-3. TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE--DELAYED REPEAL.--  
6 The natural resource revenue recovery task force is terminated  
7 on July 1, [~~2007~~] 2008 pursuant to the Sunset Act. The task  
8 force shall continue to operate according to the provisions of  
9 this act until July 1, [~~2008~~] 2009. Effective July 1, [~~2008~~]  
10 2009, this act is repealed."

11 Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS.--

12 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
13 general fund to the following agencies for expenditure in  
14 fiscal years 2007 and 2008 for the following purposes:

15 (1) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to  
16 the board of regents of New Mexico state university for the New  
17 Mexico department of agriculture to fund the operations of the  
18 natural resource revenue recovery task force; and

19 (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
20 to the board of regents of New Mexico state university to  
21 establish an economic, trade and policy analysis center  
22 administered by the cooperative extension service in the  
23 college of agriculture and home economics. The center shall  
24 analyze, assess, monitor and provide projections of the  
25 economic and social impacts of:

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1 (a) proposed, impending and ongoing  
2 impacts of United States agricultural policies on New Mexico  
3 producers;

4 (b) national trade policy on the  
5 southwest region;

6 (c) national security events, border  
7 security policies and programs that may affect the flow of  
8 trade across the southern border of the United States; and

9 (d) state legislation, policies and  
10 regulations on New Mexico's producers and agricultural and  
11 natural resources.

12 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
13 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general  
14 fund.