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HOUSE BILL 1

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE,
FIRST SESSION, 2023, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES,
INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE LEGISLATIVE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE,
THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE, THE
SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE
LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New
Mexico for the first session of the fifty-sixth legislature for
per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of employees

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1 and for other expenses of the legislature, eleven million seven
2 hundred forty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$11,747,100)
3 or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

4 B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of
5 this section are as follows:

6 (1) per diem for senators \$ 448,600;

7 (2) per diem for members of the house of
8 representatives \$ 788,000;

9 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate
10 going to and returning from the seat of government by the
11 usually traveled route, one round trip. \$ 7,300;

12 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
13 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
14 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . .
15 \$ 10,900;

16 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
17 employees \$ 4,765,400;

18 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of
19 representatives employees \$ 2,927,600;

20 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
21 above, seven hundred forty-two thousand five hundred dollars
22 (\$742,500). No part of this item may be transferred to
23 salaries or employee benefits;

24 (8) for expense of the house of
25 representatives not itemized above, five hundred one thousand

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1 four hundred dollars (\$501,400). No part of this item may be
2 transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

3 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
4 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
5 legislative switchboard, one million five hundred fifty-five
6 thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,555,400) to be disbursed upon
7 vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council
8 service or the director's designee.

9 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be
10 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'
11 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief
12 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of
13 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
14 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's
15 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures
16 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection
17 B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by
18 the director of the legislative council service or the
19 director's designee.

20 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for
21 the first session of the fifty-sixth legislature, the chair of
22 the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the
23 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of
24 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the
25 printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,

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1 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or
2 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of all
3 necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses.
4 They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all
5 supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the
6 appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery
7 and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the committees'
8 committee in the senate or by the speaker of the house.

9 SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--For the
10 first session of the fifty-sixth legislature, bills,
11 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials
12 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to
13 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are
14 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a
15 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
16 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution
17 materials to the following:

18 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the
19 house of representatives and the senate;

20 B. upon written request, one copy to each county
21 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and
22 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported
23 institution of higher learning; and

24 C. upon written request, one copy to each state
25 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each

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1 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
2 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
3 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in the
4 state.

5 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--There is
6 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
7 service, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director
8 of the legislative council service or the director's designee:

- 9 A. for fiscal year 2024, the following:
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| 10 Personal Services & Employee Benefits | \$6,652,100 |
| 11 Contractual Services | 820,000 |
| 12 Other Costs | 1,076,700 |
| 13 Total | \$8,548,800; |

14 and

- 15 B. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
16 seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$720,000) for additional
17 interim committee staff or contractors to support interim
18 committees and to provide legal and policy research or other
19 services necessary to support the legislature.

20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.--There is appropriated from the
21 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
22 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
23 this act, for fiscal year 2024, unless otherwise indicated, to
24 be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the
25 legislative council service or the director's designee, the

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1 following:

2 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
3 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council
4 business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary
5 expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary
6 legislative expenses, for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, four
7 million dollars (\$4,000,000); provided that the New Mexico
8 legislative council may transfer amounts from the appropriation
9 in this subsection, during the fiscal years for which
10 appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation where they
11 may be needed;

12 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary
13 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session
14 preparation, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000);

15 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
16 fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000);

17 D. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
18 for dues and fees of national organizations of which the
19 legislature is a member, four hundred thirty-five thousand
20 three hundred dollars (\$435,300);

21 E. for the legislative information system, for
22 fiscal years 2023 and 2024, two million one hundred forty-three
23 thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,143,900);

24 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules
25 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000);

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1 G. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through
2 2026, for the ongoing planning, output development and design
3 of a legislative processing system, nine million five hundred
4 thousand dollars (\$9,500,000);

5 H. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
6 for audiovisual upgrades to committee rooms for virtual, hybrid
7 and webcasting hardware, software and installation, one million
8 five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000);

9 I. for the contractual services of the capitol
10 buildings planning commission, one hundred fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$150,000);

12 J. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through
13 2026, the purchase and installation of a constituent services
14 platform, including applicable licenses and subscriptions, five
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000);

16 K. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
17 for upgrades to the house and senate chamber display boards,
18 one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000); and

19 L. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
20 to hire a consulting entity to consider the feasibility of and
21 make recommendations to the New Mexico legislative council on
22 the logistics and resources needed for district staff offices
23 and operations for the legislature, two million five hundred
24 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

25 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is

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1 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance
2 committee, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the chair of
3 the committee or the chair's designated representative for
4 fiscal year 2024, the following:

5	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$4,875,000
6	Contractual Services	325,300
7	Other Costs	473,000
8	Total	\$5,673,300.

9 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There
10 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
11 education study committee for fiscal year 2024, to be disbursed
12 on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's
13 designated representative, the following:

14	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,478,000
15	Contractual Services	50,000
16	Other Costs	170,000
17	Total	\$1,698,000.

18 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from
19 the general fund to the legislative council service for
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2024 for the operation of the house
21 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
22 director of the legislative council service, the following:

23	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,228,300
24	Contractual Services	721,000
25	Other Costs	56,700

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SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for informational purposes only and may be transferred among categories.

SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that plan.

SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.