

1 SENATE BILL 78

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

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO  
12 STATE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR DRYLAND RESILIENCE  
13 AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY,  
14 THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE  
15 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND TO BUILD AN ECOLOGICAL MONITORING  
16 NETWORK, DEVELOP COMPUTER MODELING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
17 SOLUTIONS TO DIAGNOSE AND PREDICT VULNERABILITIES IN DRYLAND  
18 SYSTEMS AND DEVELOP RESILIENCE STRATEGIES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE  
19 MANAGEMENT OF DRYLANDS.

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

22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

23 A. Fourteen million nine hundred ninety-five  
24 thousand dollars (\$14,995,000) is appropriated from the general  
25 fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for  
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1 expenditure in fiscal years 2024 through 2028 to establish a  
2 center for dryland resilience as a collaborative effort with  
3 eastern New Mexico university, the New Mexico institute of  
4 mining and technology and the university of New Mexico and to  
5 develop and build a technologically advanced statewide  
6 ecological monitoring network, develop computer modeling and  
7 artificial intelligence solutions to diagnose and predict  
8 vulnerabilities in dryland natural capital, biodiversity and  
9 social-ecological-agricultural systems and develop resilience  
10 strategies for the sustainable management of drylands; provided  
11 that not more than two million nine hundred ninety-nine  
12 thousand dollars (\$2,999,000) shall be expended in any one  
13 fiscal year.

14 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
15 at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general  
16 fund.