## SENATE BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A VIABLE, VOLUNTARY AND INCENTIVE-BASED STATEWIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of environment for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 to assess the viability of a statewide composting program by convening a working group composed of representatives from state agencies, counties, universities, agriculture groups, conservation associations and districts, nongovernmental organizations, chambers of commerce, composting coalitions and businesses, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos, land grants and .226959.2

acequias to develop findings and recommendations for a viable, voluntary and incentive-based statewide composting program that includes education and food waste diversion and present those findings and recommendations to the department of environment and an appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2024. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.

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