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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB0048Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Mimi Stewart

Agency Name

and Code

Dept. of Workforce Solutions-631

Number:

Community Benefit

Person Writing

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Short Title:

Fund

Phone: 505-263-3187Email Evan.Sanchez@dws.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
340,000.0	0	NR	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill creates the Community Benefit Fund, which will fund projects that reduce greenhouse gases, increase energy efficiency, and achieve other climate resilience goals. The bill expressly provides for projects that establish or expand worker training programs that achieve the goals of the Fund. Entities wishing to apply to the fund for projects must hold community meetings or negotiate a community benefits agreement. DWS would be one of several administrating entities for appropriations from the Fund, including those in companion bill SB49.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill sets aside money from the General Fund. DWS discusses subsequent appropriations to the Department in the FIR for SB49.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This funding will enable DWS to rapidly expand the availability of training for the non-extractive industries. The need for such training exists statewide and is especially acute in the rural areas of the state.

Last year, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2024-152, requiring state agencies to collaborate on developing the climate-ready infrastructure workforce and setting a goal of training 2,000 workers in climate-ready professions by the end of 2026. The EO includes clean energy and other climate-ready jobs, and DWS has identified climate resilience and energy transition as priority sectors in the 2024-2027 WIOA State Plan. This funding will support the efforts underway and allow rapid expansion of those efforts. DWS would work closely with the local workforce development boards and education and training providers in these efforts.

DWS is also in the process of working closely with industry and businesses to develop apprenticeship pathways in clean energy, water infrastructure, and other climate resilience sectors. This funding will advance that effort, and it is helpful because other funding sources for apprenticeship are available only to registered apprenticeship programs that have been in existence for one year. No regular source of funding exists to help stand up new apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs. In this way, the funding in this bill will increase accessibility to the substantial investments the legislature has already made in apprenticeship.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None,

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The State will not have a reserve of funds to implement its clean energy and climate resilience goals. Depending on other future appropriations, state agencies may have less state funding available in the near term to implement clean energy and climate resilience programs and projects, including workforce training.

AMENDMENTS