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HOUSE BILL 1

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2025, 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-seventh legislature
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of
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1 employees and for other expenses of the legislature, eleven
2 million four hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars
3 (\$11,447,800) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such
4 purposes.

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

7 (1) per diem for senators \$550,700;

8 (2) per diem for members of the house of
9 representatives \$917,700;

10 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate
11 going to and returning from the seat of government by the
12 usually traveled route, one round trip. \$7,800;

13 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
14 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
15 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . .
16 \$12,900;

17 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
18 employees \$3,500,000;

19 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of
20 representatives employees \$3,490,700;

21 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
22 above, two hundred twenty thousand four hundred dollars
23 (\$220,400). No part of this item may be transferred to
24 salaries or employee benefits;

25 (8) for expense of the house of

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1 representatives not itemized above, five hundred six thousand
2 two hundred dollars (\$506,200). No part of this item may be
3 transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

4 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
5 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
6 legislative switchboard, two million two hundred forty-one
7 thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,241,400) to be disbursed upon
8 vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council
9 service or the director's designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 C. upon written request, one copy to each state

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1 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each
2 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
3 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
4 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in the
5 state.

6 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--There is
7 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
8 service for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, to be disbursed
9 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council
10 service or the director's designee, the following:

11	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$10,122,400
12	Contractual Services	620,000
13	Other Costs	1,442,200
14	Total	\$12,184,600.

15 SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.--There is appropriated from the
16 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
17 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
18 this act, for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, unless otherwise
19 indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director
20 of the legislative council service or the director's designee,
21 the following:

22 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
23 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council
24 business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary
25 expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary

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1 legislative expenses, four million dollars (\$4,000,000);
2 provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer
3 amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the
4 fiscal years for which appropriated, to any other legislative
5 appropriation where they may be needed;

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

9 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
10 sixty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$61,800);

11 D. for dues and fees of national organizations of
12 which the legislature is a member, four hundred sixty-five
13 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$465,800);

14 E. for the legislative information system, for
15 fiscal years 2025 and 2026, three million one hundred
16 eighty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$3,188,900);

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

19 G. for the contractual services of the capitol
20 buildings planning commission, two hundred fifty-seven thousand
21 five hundred dollars (\$257,500);

22 H. for legislative district staff, including
23 salaries and benefits, information technology equipment and
24 software, furniture, supplies, office space and other necessary
25 support, fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000). Any

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1 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
2 fiscal year 2026 from the appropriation in this subsection
3 shall revert to the general fund;

4 I. for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through
5 2028 from legislative cash balances for equipment, furniture,
6 upgrades and repairs for the state capitol complex, four
7 million dollars (\$4,000,000);

8 J. for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026
9 from legislative cash balances for the ongoing planning, output
10 development and design of a legislative processing system, five
11 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and

12 K. for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026
13 from legislative cash balances for the New Mexico legislature's
14 support of the legislative clerks and secretaries section of
15 the national conference of state legislatures to perform such
16 functions as are necessary to prepare for the 2025 annual
17 meeting to be held in Santa Fe, one hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$100,000).

19 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance
21 committee, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the chair of
22 the committee or the chair's designated representative:

23 A. for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, the
24 following:

25 Personal Services & Employee Benefits \$6,525,100

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1	Contractual Services	386,000
2	Other Costs	549,600
3	Total	\$7,460,700;

4 B. for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, seven
5 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for ongoing
6 collaboration on the salary study related to the state's job
7 architecture for classified employees; and

8 C. for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, three
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to purchase economic
10 analysis software.

11 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There
12 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
13 education study committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2026,
14 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the
15 committee or the chair's designated representative, the
16 following:

17	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,686,200
18	Contractual Services	70,000
19	Other Costs	190,000
20	Total	\$1,946,200.

21 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from
22 the general fund to the legislative council service for
23 expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the operation of the house
24 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
25 director of the legislative council service, the following:

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1	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$3,152,800
2	Contractual Services	444,400
3	Other Costs	72,600
4	Total	\$3,669,800.

5 **SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.**--There is appropriated
6 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
7 expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the operation of the senate
8 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
9 director of the legislative council service, the following:

10	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,804,800
11	Contractual Services	511,300
12	Other Costs	105,900
13	Total	\$3,422,000.

14 **SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-**
15 **PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--**

16 There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for
17 the legislative department's share of the continued development
18 required for the master database of official annotated laws of
19 the state, markup language and tagging and its use for
20 legislative document systems and a tagged database of the
21 session laws and for the costs associated in collaborating with
22 the New Mexico compilation commission on the ongoing
23 development and expanding partnership role with the New Mexico
24 compilation commission in the self-publication of the *New*
25 *Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including technology for freely

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1 accessible laws and hard-copy publication, four hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years
3 2025 and 2026.

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

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

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