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HOUSE BILL

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

FOR THE JOBS COUNCIL

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
ADMINISTRATION FUND TO CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION OF RETURN-TO-
WORK AND PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY BENEFITS AND KEY MEDICAL
COST COMPONENTS AND MEASURABLE MEDICAL CARE OUTCOME INDICATORS.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is
appropriated from the workers' compensation administration fund
to the workers' compensation administration for expenditure in
fiscal year 2017 and subsequent fiscal years in the following
amounts for the following purposes:

- (1) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
(\$250,000) to retain the services of an appropriate independent
research organization to evaluate return-to-work and permanent

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1 partial disability benefits of the state's workers'
2 compensation system; and

3 (2) two hundred fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$250,000) to retain the services of an appropriate independent
5 research organization to evaluate and analyze key medical cost
6 components and measurable medical care outcome indicators in
7 New Mexico workers' compensation.

8 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
9 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert.