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SENATE BILL 290

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE WATER RESOURCES
RESEARCH INSTITUTE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE CREATED--
PURPOSE.--

A. The "water resources research institute" is
created and shall be a division of New Mexico state university.

B. Participating institutions associated with the
institute shall be New Mexico state university, the university
of New Mexico, New Mexico institute of mining and technology,
New Mexico highlands university, eastern New Mexico university
and western New Mexico university. The purposes of the
institute are to:

- (1) provide research and training in water

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1 conservation, planning and management, atmospheric-surface-
2 ground water relations and water quality;

3 (2) transfer water information through the use
4 of technical and miscellaneous publications, newsletters,
5 conferences and presentations;

6 (3) provide expertise, specialized assistance
7 and information to address water problems; and

8 (4) cooperate with local, state and federal
9 water agencies.

10 C. The board of regents of New Mexico state
11 university shall prepare reports showing the progress and
12 condition of the institute as the board deems necessary. The
13 reports of the institute may be printed and distributed by the
14 board as appropriate, and revenue from the sale of the reports
15 shall be paid into the account of New Mexico state university.

16 D. The institute may receive appropriations from
17 the legislature through the board of regents of New Mexico
18 state university and may receive any other items of value from
19 public or private sources.

20 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars
21 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
22 of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in
23 fiscal year 2005 for the water resources research institute to
24 increase research in water conservation, planning and
25 management. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining

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