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SENATE BILL 626

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE INTERNET TO THE HOGANS
INITIATIVE.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five million seven hundred
forty thousand five hundred ninety-six dollars (\$5,740,596) is
appropriated from the general fund to the following agencies in
the following amounts for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 for
New Mexico's portion of the internet to the hogans initiative,
a statewide intergovernmental collaborative designed to ensure
that no New Mexico hogan is left behind in the evolving digital
world. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund. The
appropriations are as follows:

A. to the Indian affairs department:

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1 (1) one hundred fifty-six thousand eight
2 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$156,848) for administrative costs
3 to establish a fiscal administrative site at a tribal college
4 for the internet to the hogans initiative; and

5 (2) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a
6 land use master to advise local Navajo chapters on
7 establishment of communication corridors and to serve as a
8 liaison with the Navajo Nation to coordinate use of specific
9 lands within chapter boundaries;

10 B. to the board of regents of the university of New
11 Mexico:

12 (1) for its public television station, one
13 hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) to implement a
14 teleconferencing pilot project at the White Rock chapter of the
15 Navajo Nation to demonstrate and test technology and wireless
16 communication, power and electrical systems, call routing and
17 teleconferencing; and

18 (2) for its health sciences center, for use by
19 the Navajo telehealth commission:

20 (a) one million two hundred thousand
21 dollars (\$1,200,000) to leverage existing Navajo telehealth
22 project programs to improve the scope, accessibility and
23 quality of medical services for people who live in New Mexico
24 in the Navajo Nation; and

25 (b) four hundred eighty thousand dollars

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1 (\$480,000) to develop a cardiac rehabilitation program for
2 people who live in New Mexico in the Navajo Nation to provide
3 rehabilitation services to Navajo people suffering from heart
4 disease;

5 C. to the public education department, for use in
6 schools in districts with a Native American kindergarten
7 through twelfth grade population of at least fifty-one percent:

8 (1) two million eight hundred ninety-five
9 thousand dollars (\$2,895,000) to improve Native American
10 electronic access to bilingual and other culturally relevant
11 programming, of which two million seven hundred fifty-five
12 thousand dollars (\$2,755,000) is to be used to match public
13 school funds with those of the federal government and other
14 entities to provide college preparatory coursework, teacher
15 collaboration and training and distance learning classes in
16 mathematics, science or language arts through the internet; and

17 (2) four hundred ninety-eight thousand seven
18 hundred forty-eight dollars (\$498,748) to examine current
19 Navajo-English bilingual programming and create a model
20 bilingual program for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade
21 students, using input from consultants and educational entities
22 that include the indigenous language institute, the university
23 of New Mexico school of medicine's office of diversity and the
24 Navajo education technology consortium;

25 D. to the higher education department, two hundred

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1 thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the governing board of San Juan
2 college for a community college-based initiative to expand the
3 programs of the Navajo technology empowerment center by
4 developing technology-based training materials for community
5 educational organizations, creating Navajo web content for
6 access by community members, advocating technology awareness at
7 the community level, seeking additional funding for technology
8 and broadband initiatives, acting as a regional technology
9 support center and coordinating the activities of governmental
10 and nongovernmental entities that conduct business in the
11 region; and

12 E. to the state library, one hundred fifty thousand
13 dollars (\$150,000) to provide for computer maintenance and
14 technical support staffing to expand access to digital
15 technology for state tribal libraries and chapter houses,
16 including developing a network and web-page development.

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