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SENATE BILL 571

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH
COLLABORATIVE.

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

SECTION 1. TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE CREATED--
PURPOSE.--

A. The "technology research collaborative" is
created. The New Mexico institute of mining and technology
shall be the fiscal agent for the collaborative.

B. Participating institutions associated with the
collaborative shall include national laboratories, other major
research institutes and all the post-secondary institutions of
New Mexico.

C. The purposes of the collaborative are to:

- (1) establish advanced technology centers

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1 based on the wealth of scientific and technical talent that
2 exists in the member institutions;

3 (2) develop and create new intellectual
4 property for the state and encourage new opportunities for
5 business and increased jobs;

6 (3) commercialize the intellectual property;
7 and

8 (4) create a work force to support enterprises
9 based on the intellectual property.

10 D. Intellectual property created by an employee or
11 agent of an institution associated with the collaborative shall
12 be owned by that institution. Intellectual property created
13 jointly shall be owned jointly. If the intellectual property
14 is created using federal funds, the applicable federal laws and
15 regulations shall govern the ownership.

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

20 F. The "board of the technology research
21 collaborative" is created. The board shall consist of eleven
22 members as follows:

23 (1) the governor, or the governor's designee,
24 who shall chair the collaborative;

25 (2) the presidents, or their designees, of the

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1 university of New Mexico, New Mexico state university and New
2 Mexico institute of mining and technology;

3 (3) five members at large, appointed by the
4 governor with the consent of the senate;

5 (4) the director of Sandia national
6 laboratories, or the director's designee; and

7 (5) the director of Los Alamos national
8 laboratory, or the director's designee.

9 G. Appointed members shall serve for two-year terms
10 at the pleasure of the governor. Members serve until their
11 successors have been appointed. The governor may fill any
12 vacancy on the board for the remainder of an unexpired term.

13 H. The board may elect officers as it deems
14 necessary to carry out its duties. A majority of the members
15 of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
16 business, and the board shall meet four times per year. Board
17 members shall not vote by proxy.

18 I. Public members of the board shall receive per
19 diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and
20 shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

21 J. The board shall:

22 (1) employ a director and other staff, who
23 shall be exempt from the provisions of the Personnel Act, as
24 the board deems necessary to provide continuity and management
25 of the collaborative; and

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(2) prepare annual reports to the legislature
on expenditures and progress of the collaborative.

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