

HOUSE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 101

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO  
REFORESTATION CENTER TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S CURRENT AND FUTURE  
REFORESTATION NEEDS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO REFORESTATION  
CENTER--CREATED.--

A. The "New Mexico reforestation center" is  
created.

B. The New Mexico reforestation center shall  
address the impacts of a changing climate on the state's  
forests and meet the state's current and future reforestation  
needs through establishment of a seed bank program, a nursery  
program and a planting program and shall develop and operate  
comprehensive policies and projects related to reforestation.

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1 C. The administration and operations of the New  
2 Mexico reforestation center shall be detailed in an agreement  
3 entered into between the forestry division of the energy,  
4 minerals and natural resources department, the department of  
5 forestry of New Mexico highlands university, the agricultural  
6 experiment station of New Mexico state university and the  
7 department of biology of the university of New Mexico.

8 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four million six hundred eight  
9 thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,608,100) is appropriated from  
10 the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state  
11 university for expenditure in fiscal year 2023 and subsequent  
12 fiscal years for the first-year operational expenses of the New  
13 Mexico reforestation center as provided in the agreement  
14 entered into pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended  
15 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year  
16 shall not revert to the general fund.

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