

HOUSE BILL 131

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

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AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AGENCIES SUBJECT TO THE WATER DATA ACT TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE WATER DATA ACT AND IMPLEMENT THE WATER DATA ACT.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--**

A. Pursuant to Subsection D of Section 72-4B-3 NMSA 1978, the agencies subject to the Water Data Act are required to annually submit a plan to the governor and appropriate interim legislative committee detailing the goals, targets and actions to carry out the purposes of the Water Data Act in the upcoming fiscal year and the budgetary resources to carry out the purposes of the Water Data Act. In accordance with the annual plan, the amounts in Subsections B through F of this section are appropriated for implementation of the Water Data

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1 Act.

2 B. Four million fifty thousand dollars (\$4,050,000)  
3 is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents  
4 of the New Mexico institute of mining and technology for  
5 expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the bureau of  
6 geology and mineral resources to provide, as the convening  
7 agency of the Water Data Act, support for Water Data Act  
8 implementation, including coordinating the agencies subject to  
9 the Water Data Act and building, implementing and supporting  
10 information technology infrastructure for data service, data  
11 transformation and data reporting, and to improve the bureau's  
12 water data collection, data management, data documentation and  
13 data access through automation of application programming  
14 interfaces.

15 C. Four million dollars (\$4,000,000) is  
16 appropriated from the general fund to the department of  
17 environment for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2027  
18 for the department to inventory and evaluate available data and  
19 database applications; acquire and implement new databases;  
20 continue to work on selecting water data features to share by  
21 application programming interface; include new data features on  
22 current web mapping services; initiate paper data digitization;  
23 and support new staffing requirements.

24 D. Four million three hundred thousand dollars  
25 (\$4,300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
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1 office of the state engineer for expenditure in fiscal years  
2 2023 through 2027 for the office of the state engineer to build  
3 the office's resources for staff and information technology  
4 support to carry out its duties pursuant to the Water Data Act,  
5 including providing point of diversion data for the Water Data  
6 Act.

7 E. Two million eight hundred thousand dollars  
8 (\$2,800,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
9 office of the state engineer for expenditure in fiscal years  
10 2023 through 2027 for the interstate stream commission to  
11 organize and document multiple datasets in different bureaus  
12 for improved data sharing, including application programming  
13 interface development; digitize data, including historical  
14 records; improve network monitoring and data collection  
15 efforts; and address multiple staffing needs.

16 F. Three million one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
17 (\$3,150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
18 energy, minerals and natural resources department for  
19 expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the  
20 department to develop, implement and support information  
21 technology infrastructure to improve the agency's water data  
22 collection, data management, data documentation and data access  
23 through application programming interfaces and to support  
24 staffing needs in fulfillment of the Water Data Act.

25 G. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
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at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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