

1 SENATE BILL 79

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
12 AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP FINDINGS AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A VIABLE, VOLUNTARY AND INCENTIVE-BASED
14 STATEWIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM.

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

17 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Sixty-five thousand dollars
18 (\$65,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of
19 regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in
20 fiscal year 2025 for the New Mexico department of agriculture
21 to assess the viability of a statewide composting program by
22 convening a working group composed of representatives from
23 state agencies, counties, universities, agriculture groups,
24 conservation associations and districts, nongovernmental
25 organizations, chambers of commerce, composting coalitions and

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1 businesses, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos, land grants and
2 acequias to develop findings and recommendations for a viable,
3 voluntary and incentive-based statewide composting program that
4 includes education and food waste diversion and present those
5 findings and recommendations to the New Mexico department of
6 agriculture and an appropriate interim legislative committee by
7 October 1, 2024. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
8 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the
9 general fund.