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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared** 1/23/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB0083 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Mimi Stewart **Agency Name and Code** Dept. of Workforce Solutions-631  
**Short Title:** Innovation in State Government Fund **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
10,000.0	0	NR	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None above funding to be received	None above funding to be received	None			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: This bill creates the Innovation in State Government Fund, which will enable several state agencies to create master plans and increase capacity to achieve net-zero emissions, implement sustainable policies, provide technical assistance to organizations seeking grants to address climate resilience, and to reduce barriers to implementing climate change policies. The bill makes an initial appropriation to the new Fund of \$10 million, with Workforce Solutions receiving \$1 million for use in FY26 and FY27. The bill also requires reporting of progress and budget to DFA, along with certain disclosures related to the Accountability in Government Act.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

DWS would receive \$1 million to be used in accordance with the act, in fiscal years 26 and 27.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Last year, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2024-152, requiring state agencies to collaborate on developing the climate-ready infrastructure workforce and setting a goal of training 2,000 workers in climate-ready professions by the end of 2026. DWS and its partners identified climate resilience as a priority sector in the 2024-2027 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Plan. Energy transition and public safety are also priority sectors (including fire fighting and emergency response). However, the federal mandate to engage in sector planning is not funded, and historically the workforce system has struggled to make real sector strategies a reality for this reason. This bill addresses the long-standing need to fund sector strategies and increase capacity to address high priority industries for the state.

In addition, DWS routinely receives requests in connection with government agencies, educational institutions, and community-based organizations who are seeking grants to address climate change. Many such grants include a workforce component, but these organizations have no workforce background. This results in either DWS providing unfunded and understaffed support, or the grant seeker reinventing the wheel and duplicating existing workforce services. The funding through this bill will enable DWS to properly serve all partners who seek to bring federal and private funding to our state, by ensuring a good fit and maximizing the use of existing workforce resources.

Finally, DWS is very familiar with workforce barriers to implementing climate change policies, especially in the rural communities that face the biggest climate challenges. This bill will fund our efforts to support the expansion of workforce training and opportunities in rural areas of the state.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DWS will be able to create a strong foundation and plan to serve New Mexicans throughout the energy transition and to address climate change issues for many years to come.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

DWS will continue to try to engage in sector planning for climate resilience with no funding and no additional capacity to support those efforts.

**AMENDMENTS**