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SENATE BILL 625

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

Roman M. Maes III

AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS;  
DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Two million six hundred fifty thousand dollars  
(\$2,650,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year  
2000 for the following purposes:

(1) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
for advertising and promotion efforts to develop and advance  
the economic development potential and opportunities of the  
state;

(2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)

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1 for cooperative advertising activities in combination with the  
2 governing body of a municipality, a county or another agency  
3 of the state to promote the economic development of the state  
4 or any locale within the state; and the economic development  
5 department may require matching funds for the use of or to  
6 satisfy matching fund requirements with this money;

7 (3) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
8 (\$150,000) to conduct a county site inventory of the resources  
9 important to and supportive of economic development in each  
10 county of the state, including utility and telecommunications  
11 facilities and options, transportation access points, office  
12 or industrial space availability, and family, educational and  
13 cultural opportunities and options within the county;

14 (4) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)  
15 to travel and attend trade shows and exhibitions to promote  
16 and represent the state's economic development opportunities;

17 (5) one million two hundred fifty thousand  
18 dollars (\$1,250,000) to create contractual personnel  
19 agreements to retain ten economic development specialists who  
20 are to be independent contractors, retained temporarily for a  
21 term certain; and seven of whom shall be directly assigned and  
22 accountable for providing services to one of the economic  
23 development districts described in Section 4-58-2 NMSA 1978  
24 and the other three of whom shall provide economic development  
25 services as directed and described in the contract retaining

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1 them. The ten economic development specialists shall be  
2 retained for the economic development department by a panel of  
3 six persons, two of whom are to be appointed each by the  
4 president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house  
5 of representatives and the governor. Each of the ten economic  
6 development specialists shall be qualified in the field of  
7 economic development or a related field to provide the  
8 services directed and described in the contract by which each  
9 is retained; and

10 (6) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
11 (\$150,000) to reimburse the economic development specialists  
12 for travel expenses incurred during and pursuant to the terms  
13 of their contracts authorized and described in Paragraph (5)  
14 of this subsection.

15 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
16 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the  
17 general fund.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
10 whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

Yes: 5

No: Rawson

Excused: Kidd, Macias, McKibben, Robinson

Absent: None

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