

1 HOUSE BILL 170

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
12 TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDYING AND IMPLEMENTING BROADBAND  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION.

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

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000)  
18 is appropriated from the general fund to the department of  
19 information technology for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to:

20 (1) contract for a study to determine the  
21 technical, engineering, administrative, financial and public-  
22 private options for a comprehensive, statewide broadband  
23 infrastructure plan to meet businesses' current and future  
24 broadband access needs and select the best option or options  
25 for meeting those needs; and

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(2) implement adequate broadband service to high-priority, underserved rural areas.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.