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HOUSE BILL 617

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
FOR SPACE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand  
dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
economic development department for expenditure in fiscal year  
2020 to contract for various services to foster space industry  
development in New Mexico, including development of a marketing  
strategy for business recruitment; creation of a platform to  
connect the potential workforce with space industry companies,  
including an internship program; and facilitation in the  
creation of a public-private committee to create an ongoing  
dialogue between state agencies and educational institutions,  
private investment firms and space industry companies. Any

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