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HOUSE BILL 66

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

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FOR THE LAND GRANT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LEGAL ANALYSES OF PROPERTY MAPPING
OF LAND GRANT-MERCED COMMUNITIES AND MULTIPLE TAXATION ISSUES
FOR THESE PROPERTIES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated
from the general fund to the office of the attorney general for
expenditure in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to:

(1) research the history and legal basis for
the state-mandated plat maps used to assess property taxes on
land grants-mercedes;

(2) research the issues in law and equity
raised by the practice of multiple entities making duplicative
taxation payments for the same parcels of property claimed by

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1 land grants-mercedes; and

2 (3) develop potential remedies that the state
3 might pursue to remedy overlapping or conflicting property
4 claims encountered by land grants-mercedes.

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

8 C. The analyses funded in Subsection A of this
9 section shall be presented to the appropriate legislative
10 interim committee by October 15, 2016.

11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
12 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.