

1 SENATE BILL 138

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY
12 AND REPORT ON LIKELY SCENARIOS FOR WATER DEMAND AND SUPPLY,
13 CLIMATE VARIABILITY AND CONSEQUENT ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE
14 STATE AND TO DEVELOP A LIST OF VULNERABILITIES FACING THE STATE
15 IN THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS.

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

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

19 A. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the boards of regents of
21 New Mexico institute of mining and technology, New Mexico state
22 university and the university of New Mexico for expenditure in
23 fiscal year 2015 to establish a working group of
24 climatologists, hydrogeologists, demographers and economists to
25 conduct a study and develop a report specific to New Mexico on

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1 water demand and supply and related issues as outlined in
2 Subsections B and C of this section and report to the first
3 session of the fifty-second legislature on its findings. Any
4 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
5 fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

6 B. The working group shall:

7 (1) develop a projection of the most likely
8 scenarios for the state of water demand and supply, climate
9 variability and consequent economic impacts for the next twenty
10 years; and

11 (2) develop a prioritized list of the greatest
12 five to ten vulnerabilities facing the state in the next twenty
13 years.

14 C. Members of the working group shall include
15 representatives from the department of earth and planetary
16 sciences, the bureau of business and economic research and the
17 department of economics at the university of New Mexico; the
18 bureau of geology and mineral resources at New Mexico institute
19 of mining and technology; and the department of civil
20 engineering at New Mexico state university. The appropriation
21 shall be distributed to the participating institutions on a pro
22 rata basis.