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HOUSE BILL 23

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; CREATING THE INTERIM  
LEGISLATIVE NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC SECTOR COLLABORATION WORK  
GROUP; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--FINDINGS.--**The

legislature finds that nonprofit organizations make significant  
contributions to the state's economy and job creation. The  
legislature also finds that the state and local governments  
rely on nonprofit organizations to deliver important services  
in the areas of health, human services, arts and culture and  
the environment to the state's underserved populations and  
remote communities as well as to the state's urban areas. The  
legislature further finds that significant investments of  
public resources are made to nonprofit organizations that

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1 operate in areas that are not or cannot be served directly by  
2 state or local governments. Therefore, the legislature finds  
3 that a work group should be convened to study how the state and  
4 local governments can collaborate most effectively and  
5 efficiently with nonprofit organizations.

6 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--NONPROFIT AND PUBLIC  
7 SECTOR COLLABORATION WORK GROUP.--

8 A. The "nonprofit and public sector collaboration  
9 work group" is created as an interim legislative work group.  
10 The work group shall function from the date of its appointment  
11 until December 1 prior to the second session of the  
12 fifty-second legislature.

13 B. The work group shall be composed of fifteen  
14 voting members as follows:

15 (1) four members from the house of  
16 representatives and four members from the senate, appointed by  
17 the New Mexico legislative council so as to give the two  
18 political parties having the most members in each house the  
19 same total proportionate representation on the work group as  
20 prevails in that house;

21 (2) three members whose professional expertise  
22 is relevant to the work of the work group, appointed by the New  
23 Mexico legislative council;

24 (3) the director of the purchasing division of  
25 the general services department or the director's designee;

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1 (4) the director of the management and  
2 contracts review division of the department of finance and  
3 administration or the director's designee;

4 (5) a representative of the attorney general's  
5 office, appointed by the attorney general; and

6 (6) one member appointed by the governor.

7 C. The work group shall elect the chair and vice  
8 chair of the work group.

9 D. A vacancy on the work group shall be filled by  
10 appointment in the same manner as the original appointment.

11 E. After its appointment, the work group shall hold  
12 one organizational meeting to develop a work plan and budget  
13 for the 2015 interim. The work plan and budget shall be  
14 submitted to the New Mexico legislative council for approval.

15 F. Upon approval of its work plan and budget, the  
16 work group shall study ways in which contracts, contracting  
17 processes, capacity to meet state programmatic needs and  
18 methods to build capacity and relationships between the state  
19 and nonprofit organizations can be improved to maximize the  
20 benefits to both the state and nonprofit organizations and  
21 shall make a report on the results of the study. The report,  
22 including the work group's findings and recommendations,  
23 including recommendations for building capacity, shall be  
24 submitted to the legislative health and human services  
25 committee, the economic and rural development committee and any

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1 other appropriate interim legislative committees by November 1,  
2 2015.

3 G. The staff for the work group shall be provided  
4 by the legislative council service.

5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred fifty thousand  
6 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the legislative cash  
7 balances to the legislative council service for expenditure in  
8 fiscal years 2015 and 2016 to reimburse the per diem and  
9 mileage expenses of the nonprofit and public sector  
10 collaboration work group members and to pay the other expenses,  
11 including contracting expenses, of the work group. Payments  
12 from the appropriation shall be made on warrants drawn by the  
13 secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers  
14 signed by the director of the legislative council service or  
15 the director's authorized representative. Any unexpended or  
16 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016  
17 shall revert to the legislative cash balances.

18 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
19 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.