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HOUSE BILL 230

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; CREATING THE INTERIM  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CREATION OF INTERIM TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES--VOTING.--

A. The "transportation committee" is created as a  
joint interim committee of the legislature.

B. The transportation committee shall be composed  
of twelve voting members. Seven members of the house of  
representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house  
of representatives, and five members of the senate shall be  
appointed by the committees' committee of the senate or, if the

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1 senate appointments are made in the interim, by the president  
2 pro tempore of the senate after consultation with and agreement  
3 of a majority of the members of the committees' committee.  
4 Members shall be appointed so as to give the two major  
5 political parties in each house the same proportionate  
6 representation on the committee as prevails in each house;  
7 provided that in no event shall either of the parties have  
8 fewer than one member from each house on the committee.

9 C. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by  
10 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

11 D. No action shall be taken by the committee if a  
12 majority of the total membership from either house on the  
13 committee rejects the action."

14 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 2 NMSA 1978 is  
15 enacted to read:

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] DUTIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE--  
17 STAFF--SUBCOMMITTEES.--

18 A. After its appointment, the transportation  
19 committee shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a  
20 work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The work plan  
21 and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico legislative  
22 council for approval. Upon the legislative council's approval  
23 of the work plan and budget, the transportation committee shall  
24 examine and study the programs, agencies, policies, issues,  
25 needs, technologies, statutes, constitutional provisions and

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1 regulations related to transportation.

2 B. The staff of the committee shall be provided by  
3 the legislative council service.

4 C. Subcommittees shall be created only by a  
5 majority vote of all of the members appointed to the committee  
6 and with the prior approval of the New Mexico legislative  
7 council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one  
8 member from the senate and one member from the house of  
9 representatives, and at least one member of the minority party  
10 shall be a member of the subcommittee."

11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Sixty thousand dollars  
12 (\$60,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
13 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2025  
14 for the interim transportation committee created pursuant to  
15 Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
16 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the  
17 general fund.