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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2003

Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hibben Center Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LEASE AGREEMENT.**

2 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior
3 may enter into an agreement with the University of New
4 Mexico to lease space in the Hibben Center for Archae-
5 ological Research at the University of New Mexico for re-
6 search on, and curation of, the archaeological research col-
7 lections of the National Park Service relating to the Chaco
8 Culture National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins Na-
9 tional Monument.

10 (b) **TERM; RENT.**—The lease shall provide for a term
11 not exceeding 40 years and a nominal annual lease pay-
12 ment.

13 (c) **OPERATING EXPENSES.**—The lease may require
14 the Secretary to contribute a pro rata share of the Hibben
15 Center’s annual operating expenses, in addition to any
16 nominal annual rent.

17 (d) **IMPROVEMENTS.**—The lease shall permit the Sec-
18 retary to make improvements and install furnishings and
19 fixtures related to the use and curation of the collections.

20 **SEC. 3. GRANT.**

21 Upon execution of the lease, the Secretary may con-
22 tribute to the University of New Mexico up to 37 percent
23 of the cost of construction of the Hibben Center, not to
24 exceed \$1,750,000.

1 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

2 The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements
3 with the University of New Mexico, Federal agencies, and
4 Indian tribes for the curation of and conduct of research
5 on artifacts, and to encourage collaborative management
6 of the Chacoan archaeological artifacts associated with
7 northwestern New Mexico.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
10 retary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes
11 of this Act.

Passed the Senate July 17, 2003.

Attest:

EMILY J. REYNOLDS,

Secretary.