

Quantum Testing & Evaluation GRT Credit

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OVERVIEW

Senate Bill 212 establishes the quantum testing and evaluation gross receipts tax credit, allowing national laboratories in New Mexico to claim a tax credit against their state gross receipts tax liability for federally funded quantum research, testing, and device fabrication. The credit serves as a state match for tens of millions of dollars of federal funding for quantum technology evaluation work that will be a unique and valuable draw for industry growth in New Mexico.

HOW IT WORKS

The credit provides a state match for up to \$60 million in federal funds to be deployed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories for the establishment of DARPA's Quantum Benchmarking Initiative (Validation and Verification) program in New Mexico. The credit will match the amount of federal funds received, with a \$15 million annual cap and a total aggregate \$60 million cap through July 1, 2035.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

SB 212 will support New Mexico's quantum technologies industry by matching up to \$60 million in federal DARPA funding for national laboratories. The bill will attract quantum technology companies, leveraging the state's unique advantages: two national laboratories specializing in quantum technologies, the University of New Mexico's quantum physics program, and a strong innovation ecosystem.

Paired with SB 211's 30% tax credit for quantum technology facilities, these bills position New Mexico as a leader in the rapidly growing quantum technologies sector, promising economic growth and job creation.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Tax credit amount matches amount of federal funds received
- Annual credit cap of \$15 million total lifetime credit cap of \$60 million
- Quantum technologies industry has projected annual global economic impact of \$3.5 trillion