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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A NUCLEAR
ENERGY COMMISSION AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO CONTINUED
DEVELOPMENT OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico, the United States and
the international community are experiencing rapidly
accelerating energy demands; and

WHEREAS, the United States energy information
administration projects that energy consumption will increase
by approximately twenty thousand terawatt-hours each decade
between 2030 and 2050, totaling approximately seventy-nine
thousand terawatt-hours' increase in consumption by 2050; and

WHEREAS, this increase in energy consumption will have
implications on the climate of planet Earth and will require

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1 bold and creative policies to ensure potential negative climate
2 effects are mitigated while meeting the energy needs of the
3 people of planet Earth; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico is in a position to lead the nation
5 and even the international community in modeling bold and
6 creative policies to address concerns regarding the climate and
7 to ensure the production of efficient and affordable renewable
8 energy; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in energy production in
10 the United States, being the second-largest crude oil producer
11 and among the top ten natural gas producers; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico is currently undergoing a significant
13 transition toward producing renewable energy and has a growing
14 renewable energy sector; and

15 WHEREAS, now is the time for New Mexico to invest in its
16 growing renewable energy sector and take bold actions to
17 provide for the energy needs of New Mexicans well into the
18 future and create a blueprint for the nation to follow;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize
21 growing energy needs and the implications of increased energy
22 consumption, including the potential negative effects on the
23 environment and climate of planet Earth; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and
25 natural resources department be requested to study the

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1 feasibility of creating a nuclear energy commission that would
2 support and oversee the development of a nuclear energy
3 industry in the state; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and
5 natural resources department also be requested to study:

6 A. the feasibility of repurposing the sites of
7 decommissioned coal plants and nuclear power plants;

8 B. the safety profiles of different reactor
9 systems, including molten salt small modular reactor systems;

10 C. policies requiring the use of carbon capture
11 sequestration systems at fossil fuel extraction sites;

12 D. potential practical industrial uses of carbon
13 dioxide, such as in the production of cement and road-building
14 materials; and

15 E. policies that would allow counties and
16 municipalities to develop federated microgrids to enhance
17 energy efficiency and resilience; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
20 resources.