

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT, WITH COOPERATION OF THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AND  
PASO DEL NORTE CLEAN CITIES COALITIONS, TO STUDY AND REPORT  
TO THE INTERIM REVENUE STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE  
ON THE POTENTIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF USING ALTERNATIVE  
FUELS FOR TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is the country's third largest  
onshore producer of natural gas and has the capability to  
provide substantial quantities of other alternative fuels for  
vehicular transportation; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the production and sale of  
natural gas contribute substantially to public schools and  
universities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, vehicle technologies for use of alternative  
fuels have significantly advanced during the past five years,

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1 and there is a wide variety of reliable vehicle products  
2 available from New Mexico automobile dealerships with the  
3 service personnel and facilities to accommodate maintenance  
4 of vehicles adapted to run on alternative fuels; and

5 WHEREAS, alternative fuel vehicles have been certified  
6 as low- to zero-emission vehicles by the United States  
7 environmental protection agency, and many government agencies  
8 are using them for selected operations; and

9 WHEREAS, the national conference of state legislatures  
10 has investigated various incentives employed by states to  
11 promote the use of alternative fuels; and

12 WHEREAS, the land of enchantment clean cities coalition,  
13 a group of more than thirty public and private stakeholders  
14 located in Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San  
15 Miguel, Valencia, Socorro and Santa Fe counties, has entered  
16 into a memorandum of understanding with the United States  
17 department of energy to promote the use of fuels such as  
18 natural gas, propane, electricity, fuel cells, E-85 and  
19 biodiesel that burn cleaner than gasoline or diesel; and

20 WHEREAS, the paso del norte clean cities coalition, a  
21 group of over forty public and private stakeholders that  
22 includes the city of Las Cruces and Dona Ana county, has also  
23 entered into a memorandum of understanding with the United  
24 States department of energy to promote the use of alternative  
25 fuels; and

WHEREAS, the potential economic and environmental  
benefits from increased use of alternative fuels should be

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1 examined with an unbiased perspective and legislative  
2 participation; and

3 WHEREAS, the land of enchantment clean cities coalition  
4 and the Paso Del Norte clean cities coalition have the  
5 expertise to assist a legislative interim study;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural  
8 resources department, with cooperation from the land of  
9 enchantment and paso del norte clean cities coalitions, be  
10 requested to collect information, conduct a study and report  
11 to the interim revenue stabilization and tax policy committee  
12 by September 2000 on the costs and benefits of alternative  
13 fuels use for vehicular transportation in New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services  
15 department, the taxation and revenue department and the state  
16 land office cooperate and assist the energy, minerals and  
17 natural resources department to identify, compile and analyze  
18 data and report to the committee; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include the  
20 status of alternative fuel infrastructure and use,  
21 identification of barriers to increased alternative fuel use  
22 and promising mechanisms to overcome those barriers; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and  
24 natural resources department use the report and its findings  
25 in developing a comprehensive, statewide plan to expand  
alternative fuels infrastructure and use in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the alternative fuels plan

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be developed in consultation with the land of enchantment and  
paso del norte clean cities coalitions and other appropriate  
stakeholders by no later than December 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
resources, the secretary of general services, the secretary  
of taxation and revenue, the commissioner of public lands,  
the chair of the interim revenue stabilization and tax policy  
committee and the directors of the land of enchantment and  
paso del norte clean cities coalitions.