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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 56**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**REQUESTING THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF**  
**THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO**  
**PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ENERGY CONSERVATION, SOLAR ENERGY**  
**PRODUCTS AND ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.**

**WHEREAS, the winter of 2000-2001 has brought extreme**  
**increases in energy costs and in some communities in New**  
**Mexico the cost of natural gas has doubled, if not tripled,**  
**over last year's costs; and**

**WHEREAS, the California experience with deregulation has**  
**cast a shadow over the ability of other states to enter a**  
**deregulated market without having substantial negative effects**  
**on consumer energy costs; and**

**WHEREAS, regardless of the impact of deregulation, many**  
**people are now interested in learning what they can do to**

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1 control the cost of energy they use, and many of those people  
2 want to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels; and

3 WHEREAS, high school teachers of industrial technology,  
4 science and home economics could be recipients of training to  
5 conduct community workshops in their counties to provide  
6 information about energy conservation and energy efficient  
7 construction to homeowners or prospective homeowners, for  
8 county extension service personnel and for local builders and  
9 architects; and

10 WHEREAS, at state universities, community colleges and  
11 vocational-technical schools, demonstration projects can be  
12 developed and opened as an ongoing display of current and new  
13 solar energy and other energy efficient technologies available  
14 for home construction and renovation; and

15 WHEREAS, the energy conservation and management division  
16 of the energy, minerals and natural resources department  
17 should be available to advise communities constructing  
18 community buildings on methods to use to make their new  
19 buildings energy efficient; and

20 WHEREAS, the manufactured housing industry, now producing  
21 more than fifty-four percent of all the new housing in New  
22 Mexico, needs to incorporate solar or energy efficient  
23 technology into the houses it produces;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy conservation and

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1 management division of the energy, minerals and natural  
2 resources department be requested to determine how to  
3 effectively provide training to homeowners and home  
4 construction industry personnel in energy efficient and solar  
5 energy building techniques and equipment; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
8 resources and to the director of the energy conservation and  
9 management division of the energy, minerals and natural  
10 resources department.

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