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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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FOR THE LAND USE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM FOR LAND USE PLANNER CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, small local governments are faced with difficult and complex issues and decisions as they plan their futures and often have few resources available to aid them in their planning decisions; and

WHEREAS, small local governments could benefit tremendously from receiving planning assistance from certified land use planners; and

WHEREAS, there are very few land use planners with national certification in the state and no other certification program is in place; and

WHEREAS, small local governments in particular may have

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1 difficulty attracting land use planners with national
2 certification to work with them; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico municipal league and the New
4 Mexico association of counties have the expertise and
5 knowledge required to study the feasibility of designing and
6 implementing a certification program for land use planners in
7 the state; and

8 WHEREAS, it may be that if land use planners in New
9 Mexico could be certified pursuant to a program developed and
10 implemented within the state, more land use planners would
11 likely become certified and small local governments would
12 benefit from having access to local certified land use
13 planners for assistance in their planning decisions;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico municipal league and
16 the New Mexico association of counties be requested to study
17 the feasibility of developing and implementing a program for
18 the certification of land use planners within the state; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico municipal
20 league and the New Mexico association of counties report their
21 findings to an appropriate interim committee and the
22 legislature; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico municipal league and the New
25 Mexico association of counties.