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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 98**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**REQUESTING AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF POWER  
PLANTS ON WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ECONOMY AND TO  
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, the state's water and natural resources are  
critical to New Mexico's economic and ecological well-being;  
and**

**WHEREAS, housing and economic developments will place a  
significant demand on our already burdened water and natural  
resources; and**

**WHEREAS, power plants are a necessary part of a  
community's development; and**

**WHEREAS, past experience with poorly planned development  
and expansion has demonstrated the need for assessment and**

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1 oversight;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
4 requested to instruct the appropriate interim committee to  
5 study the impact of power plants on New Mexico's water,  
6 natural resources and economy; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in studying these issues, the  
8 interim committee take into consideration the amount of water  
9 used and how it is disposed of by power plants; the economic  
10 impact and employment opportunities that result from new power  
11 plants; the effects that power plants have on the environment  
12 and what pollution-control technologies they use; and the  
13 availability and feasibility of alternative sources of energy  
14 to power plants; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim committee be  
16 requested to report its findings to the first session of the  
17 forty-sixth legislature; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative  
20 council.

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