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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 45**

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

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE STUDY REGIONAL PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to providing and  
encouraging alternative modes of transportation as emphasized  
in the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century;  
and**

**WHEREAS, public transportation is key to the quality of  
life and economic opportunities for New Mexicans; and**

**WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to coordinate public  
transit services and systems of different jurisdictions and  
levels of government; and**

**WHEREAS, local units of government lack a mechanism to  
create and fund regional transit initiatives;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE**

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
2 requested to direct the appropriate committee to study, in  
3 consultation with the New Mexico municipal league and the New  
4 Mexico association of counties, the need for and barriers to  
5 regional transportation systems and to identify resources and  
6 mechanisms to promote effective regional transportation across  
7 multiple governmental jurisdictions; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include draft  
9 legislation to create regional transit authorities and that  
10 the committee report its recommendations to the legislature by  
11 November 2002; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative  
14 council.