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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 79**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**DIRECTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT AN  
APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP NEW  
MEXICO'S TRANSPORTATION POLICY.**

**WHEREAS, sound transportation investments form the  
backbone of New Mexico's economy and social fabric; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico has special challenges when it comes  
to addressing transportation issues because it has a  
geographically dispersed population that encompasses both  
metropolitan and remote rural areas; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's current transportation system  
adversely affects the quality of life for many people in both  
urban and rural areas of the state and restricts the ability  
of rural and tribal areas to economically develop and gain  
access to modern facilities; and**

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1           WHEREAS, transportation development can increase the  
2 mobility of the population of New Mexico and improve the  
3 quality of life and cultural character of New Mexico's  
4 communities; and

5           WHEREAS, New Mexico's transportation system should  
6 provide for the people's travel needs, promote economic  
7 prosperity and enable them to gain access to good jobs,  
8 education, training and needed services; and

9           WHEREAS, New Mexico's transportation system should  
10 preserve the state's unique culture and environment; and

11           WHEREAS, New Mexico's current complex transportation  
12 system demands improved coordination and regional cooperation;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, New Mexico must develop both intermodal and  
15 multimodal transportation systems that are sensitive to  
16 community needs;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council  
19 direct an appropriate interim legislative committee to  
20 identify strengths and weaknesses of the current New Mexico  
21 transportation system and to determine how it can be  
22 strengthened in such a way as to maintain the quality of life  
23 and cultural character of both urban and rural communities  
24 unique to New Mexico; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative

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1 council direct the committee to determine how government  
2 actions on transportation issues can involve more public input  
3 and increased accountability; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
5 council direct the committee to develop a transportation  
6 policy that will improve the lives of all New Mexicans while  
7 providing for the preservation of New Mexico's unique culture  
8 and environment and to educate the legislature on urban and  
9 rural transportation issues and needs; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 sent to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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