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1 litigation, some of which threatens the state's jurisdiction
2 over water policy; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico is subject to United States supreme
4 court decrees over compliance with interstate compacts, and
5 extensive investments in the state's water resources have not
6 yet achieved permanent compliance; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexicans could be in peril of losing their
8 livelihoods and ways of life as a result of potential priority
9 calls; and

10 WHEREAS, Native American water rights have not been fully
11 asserted or quantified, creating doubts that existing water
12 users will continue to enjoy their present water uses; and

13 WHEREAS, maintaining water quality and adequate water
14 supplies will require significant investments; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico's economy, way of life, environment
16 and culture depend on predictable water supplies and the sound
17 management of water resources;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
20 requested to appoint an interim committee to comprehensively
21 study the state's water dilemmas and recommend legislation to
22 improve water policy and water management; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative
25 council.

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