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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO  
STUDY THE FISCAL IMPACT OF REDEFINING COUNTY LINES TO PLACE ALL  
OF THE JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION LANDS WITHIN SANDOVAL  
COUNTY OR TO CREATE A NEW COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a portion of the lands comprising the Jicarilla  
Apache reservation is now located within the boundaries of Rio  
Arriba county and another portion is located within the  
boundaries of Sandoval county; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of services provided by county  
governments with services provided by the Jicarilla Apache  
Nation on its reservation might be simpler and more cost  
effective if all of the reservation lands were located within  
Sandoval county or a new county; and

WHEREAS, county government might be more responsive to the  
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1 needs of the residents of the Jicarilla Apache reservation if  
2 all the reservation lands were located within a single county;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, evaluation of the effects of realigning county  
5 boundaries to include all of the Jicarilla Apache reservation  
6 within Sandoval county or within a new county should include  
7 identifying the revenue each county derives from the Jicarilla  
8 Apache reservation and the expenditures of each county on the  
9 Jicarilla Apache reservation; and

10 WHEREAS, evaluation of the effects of creating a new  
11 county should include identifying the revenue available to a  
12 new county to provide county services;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and  
15 administration be requested to evaluate the potential costs and  
16 benefits of redefining county lines to place all Jicarilla  
17 Apache reservation lands within Sandoval county or to create a  
18 new county; to identify revenues derived by Rio Arriba county  
19 and Sandoval county from the Jicarilla Apache reservation,  
20 including tax revenues, payments in lieu of taxes and state and  
21 federal grants and program funds, including impact aid; and to  
22 quantify expenditures by Rio Arriba county and Sandoval county  
23 for providing services on the Jicarilla Apache reservation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its  
25 findings to the interim Indian affairs committee and any other

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1 appropriate interim committee by September 1, 2006; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration and  
4 the county managers of Sandoval and Rio Arriba counties.

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