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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY WHETHER RENEWABLE ENERGY
PAYMENTS SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, in order to promote the development of renewable
energy, the state of New Mexico has enacted the Renewable
Energy Act establishing renewable energy portfolio standards
that require public utilities to provide growing percentages of
renewable energy as part of their power supply portfolios; and

WHEREAS, the public regulation commission has promulgated
a net metering rule to promote the state's public policy goal
of promoting the development of renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, other states are beginning to look at using
renewable energy payments as an alternative to renewable energy
portfolio standards; and

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1 WHEREAS, successful experience with renewable energy
2 payments in other countries around the world suggests that they
3 should be considered as a means of promoting renewable energy
4 development; and

5 WHEREAS, before renewable energy payments are adopted in
6 New Mexico, they should be studied to determine if they are
7 appropriate for use in New Mexico, considering the effects they
8 may have on system reliability and customer rates and other
9 potential consequences, if they are a better alternative to
10 existing methodologies, what conflicts may exist with current
11 law and, if appropriate, how to design the renewable energy
12 payments to assure optimal effectiveness with the least adverse
13 consequences;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
16 legislative council be requested to direct the appropriate
17 committee to study whether or not renewable energy payments
18 should be adopted in New Mexico and, if so, how they should be
19 designed; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate committee
21 request the energy, minerals and natural resources department,
22 the department of environment and the public regulation
23 commission to analyze the issues regarding whether or not
24 renewable energy payments should be adopted in New Mexico and,
25 if so, how they should be designed and to report their analyses

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to the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources, the secretary of enviroment and the public regulation commission.