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HOUSE MEMORIAL 25

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC
REGULATION COMMISSION AND THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO
PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY BY THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATION NEEDS IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the four counties of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba,
Santa Fe and Taos and the municipalities and pueblos in that
region are currently underserved by telecommunications
technology; and

WHEREAS, existing telephone services are fragmented among
several regulated providers who have little reason to work
together; and

WHEREAS, the regional development corporation, a
nonprofit organization, was formed to distribute funds from
the federal department of energy to that four-county region to

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1 be used to mitigate changes at Los Alamos national laboratory
2 that have a negative impact on the regional economy; and

3 WHEREAS, the regional development corporation has
4 determined that major advances in regional telecommunications
5 are essential to the diversification and strengthening of the
6 regional economy so that all communities may take advantage of
7 their proximity to Los Alamos national laboratory; and

8 WHEREAS, the regional development corporation has pledged
9 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a study to define
10 regional telecommunications needs, survey regional assets and
11 examine regionally appropriate technologies, with additional
12 funds available to begin implementation of a regional
13 telecommunications system; and

14 WHEREAS, support and participation by state entities,
15 including the economic development department, the public
16 regulation commission and the general services department,
17 should be encouraged by the legislature as the regional
18 development corporation addresses regulatory issues and
19 regulatory bodies, as it works with existing utilities and
20 utility service providers and as it plans for the
21 implementation of this essential infrastructure;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it encourage
24 the economic development department, the public regulation
25 commission and the general services department to work closely

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with the regional development corporation on this issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the secretary of economic development, the secretary of general services and board members of the public regulation commission.

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5 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**
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9 **February 16, 1998**
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12 **Mr. Speaker:**
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14 **Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to**
15 **whom has been referred**
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20 **has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE**
21 **in accordance with constitutional provisions.**
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23 **Respectfully submitted,**
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Hobbs, Lujan, Nicely, Olguin, Sanchez, Williams, S.M

Absent: None

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6 February 17, 1998
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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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10 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 10

12 Excused: Lutz, Varela

13 Absent: Getty

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