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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER
LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF
FEDERAL- STATE LAND TRADES.

WHEREAS, substantial confusion has existed about the
authority of the state and particularly the legislative branch
to require state review or prior approval to trades of state
lands for federal lands; and

WHEREAS, this confusion has been compounded by
conflicting opinions of the attorney general, unclear state
and federal laws and ambiguous court decisions; and

WHEREAS, trades of state trust lands and other state
lands for federal lands has a substantial and long-term impact
on certain segments of New Mexico's economy and its
environment; and

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WHEREAS, a determination needs to be made about what, if any, legislative or judicial action is necessary to give the state an appropriate role in decisions about federal-state land trades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council direct the legislative interim water and natural resources committee to study the described issues and report its findings and recommendations to the second regular session of the forty-fourth legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.