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**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO  
STUDY ISSUES STEMMING FROM THE REGIONAL SPACEPORT DISTRICT ACT  
AND THE SPACEPORT DEVELOPMENT ACT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, nearly twenty years ago, the Regional Spaceport  
District Act and the Spaceport Development Act were enacted to  
provide a framework for the establishment of spaceports in New  
Mexico and grow the state's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, these acts have provided a strong inception to  
spaceport America and New Mexico's aerospace industry, but  
issues have emerged; and

WHEREAS, the acts allow for discrepancies in the financial  
contributions of governmental units relative to their  
representation and the lack of ability of the governmental  
units to exercise control over their financial destiny and

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1 obligations; and

2 WHEREAS, there is a substantial imbalance between the  
3 level of contributions made by counties and the counties'  
4 representation on the board and in the decision-making  
5 processes; and

6 WHEREAS, these imbalanced financial obligations and  
7 contributions of governmental units can continue to be  
8 determined and imposed without the governmental unit's  
9 agreement; and

10 WHEREAS, these concerns warrant a thorough and deliberate  
11 examination to ensure that the interests of all local  
12 governments and constituents are fairly represented, that  
13 financial responsibilities are clearly defined and properly  
14 managed and that the governance structure reflects the  
15 realities of contributions made by those who are expected to  
16 bear the costs and risks associated with spaceport development  
17 and operations;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate  
20 interim legislative committee that studies science, technology  
21 and telecommunications and the revenue stabilization and tax  
22 policy committee be requested to study the provisions,  
23 execution and impacts of the Regional Spaceport District Act  
24 and the Spaceport Development Act, specifically examining House  
25 Bill 396 of the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature

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1 and the governance structure, financial contributions, any  
2 potential imbalance in governing units' representation and  
3 requirements for issuing bonds; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative  
5 committees be requested to examine potential reforms to the  
6 Regional Spaceport District Act and the Spaceport Development  
7 Act and make recommendations for legislation for the second  
8 session of the fifty-seventh legislature; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
11 council, the director of the legislative council service,  
12 members of the spaceport authority and members of all regional  
13 spaceport districts.