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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC
PLAN FOR TRANSFORMING THE ECONOMICS OF RECYCLING IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, solid waste disposal sites and illegal dumping
might potentially harm ground water resources in New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, maintaining and developing new landfills is
costly and stressful for local communities; and

WHEREAS, forest thinning projects, the current bark beetle
epidemic and the removal of non-native trees along watercourses
have created an immediate need to develop markets to encourage
the production of value-added products from tree waste; and

WHEREAS, few recycling and waste diversion options are
available to communities in New Mexico, as evidenced by the
state's recycling rate of under ten percent and waste diversion

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1 rate of twenty-five percent; and

2 WHEREAS, the construction and demolition industry is
3 responsible for thirty percent of the landfill waste in New
4 Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, recycling and waste diversion options are limited
6 by the lack of local markets and manufacturing enterprises that
7 use waste commodities as feedstock; and

8 WHEREAS, integrated waste management planning that
9 emphasizes recycling and waste diversion will develop recycling
10 markets and recycled feedstock manufacturing enterprises and
11 promote job growth; and

12 WHEREAS, new markets and business opportunities will
13 provide waste diversion options to communities across the state
14 and ultimately support the local tax base; and

15 WHEREAS, increased recycling and waste diversion will
16 reduce pollution and promote more efficient use of natural
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Mexico recycling coalition developed a
19 preliminary report entitled "Transforming the Economics of
20 Recycling in New Mexico" that identifies resources and methods
21 to promote recycling, waste diversion and market development;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment
24 cooperate with the economic development department and the New
25 Mexico recycling coalition to develop a written strategic plan

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1 for transforming the economics of recycling in New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan for
3 transforming the economics of recycling in New Mexico include a
4 review of resources and methods to promote recycling, waste
5 diversion and market development; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strategic plan include a
7 recommendation of an appropriate agency to implement and
8 administer the methods identified in the plan; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of environment
10 be requested to present the written strategic plan to the
11 appropriate interim legislative committee by December 1, 2004;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the strategic plan
14 be distributed to members of the appropriate interim
15 legislative committee; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two copies of the strategic
17 plan be filed with the legislative council service; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the department of environment, the economic
20 development department and the New Mexico recycling coalition.