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HOUSE MEMORIAL 35

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND LOCAL AND AREA POLICE TO IDENTIFY A MECHANISM TO APPROPRIATELY EDUCATE BICYCLE RIDERS ABOUT REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THEIR BICYCLES PRIOR TO ISSUING CITATIONS FOR INFRINGEMENTS OF THOSE REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, local information about requirements and restrictions involving the use of bicycles is limited and not readily accessible to bicycle riders; and

WHEREAS, bicycle riders rely on their bicycles for transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, no state requirement exists to obtain a license to ride a bicycle; and

WHEREAS, statutory language that does exist identifies

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1 failure to comply with the statute regarding bicycles as a
2 misdemeanor, which could involve jail time or a fine; and

3 WHEREAS, the imposition of monetary fines and citations
4 for improper use of a bicycle is a financial burden during this
5 time of economic hardship; and

6 WHEREAS, bicycle riders should have easy and ready
7 exposure to the local, county and state requirements and
8 penalties for improper use of a bicycle; and

9 WHEREAS, education in advance of the imposition of
10 monetary fines and citations for improper use of a bicycle
11 would reduce the incidence of such improper use and provide a
12 safer environment for all vehicles that share the roadways;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque
15 city council be requested to collaborate with the Bernalillo
16 county board of county commissioners and with local and area
17 police to identify a mechanism to appropriately educate bicycle
18 riders about regulations and restrictions regarding the use of
19 their bicycles prior to issuing citations for infringements of
20 those regulations; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the Albuquerque city council.