

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 27

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO FORM A JOBS  
COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE  
INNOVATIVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the legislature is committed to making New Mexico  
the most attractive state for new and emerging industries that  
will create innovative job opportunities for the benefit of the  
people and the economic development of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's diverse assets provide the resources  
necessary to develop the strategies and opportunities that will  
create innovative jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's unique geographic features make it  
an excellent location for a range of business ventures,  
including solar and wind energy development, film production  
and space and traditional tourism; and

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1           WHEREAS, New Mexico has a high concentration of residents  
2 with advanced college degrees and two national laboratories  
3 that can serve as catalysts for research, development and  
4 innovation; and

5           WHEREAS, New Mexico should use the universities and  
6 national laboratories located in the state as resources for  
7 discovering the industries that will create innovative job  
8 opportunities and expand the state's economy; and

9           WHEREAS, New Mexico should develop a collaboration between  
10 the public and private interests of the state to develop a  
11 strategic and comprehensive plan that will increase innovation  
12 and growth in the state's work force and economy; and

13           WHEREAS, representatives from the business community and  
14 labor organizations should work together to assist in  
15 developing strategies that will meet the needs and ensure the  
16 success of businesses and workers in new and emerging  
17 industries; and

18           WHEREAS, a collaboration that will bring the interests of  
19 government, business and labor together with the state's best  
20 resources for discovering innovation, the universities and  
21 national laboratories, will provide the greatest opportunity  
22 for the development of a strategic and comprehensive plan that  
23 will create innovative job opportunities and make New Mexico  
24 the most attractive state for new and emerging industries;

25           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
2 requested to form a jobs council to develop a strategic and  
3 comprehensive plan to create new and innovative job  
4 opportunities in new and emerging industries in the state; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the jobs council be composed  
6 of fifteen members, including the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, the  
8 majority and minority leaders of each house of the legislature,  
9 or their designees; the chair of the relevant house of  
10 representatives standing committee that deals with business and  
11 industry issues; the chair of the relevant senate standing  
12 committee that deals with corporate issues; the presidents of  
13 New Mexico state university, the university of New Mexico and  
14 the New Mexico institute of mining and technology, or each  
15 president's designee; the president of Sandia national  
16 laboratories, or the president's designee; the director of Los  
17 Alamos national laboratory, or the director's designee; a  
18 representative from the association of commerce and industry of  
19 New Mexico; and a representative from the New Mexico building  
20 and construction trades council; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the jobs council report its  
22 finding and recommendations to the appropriate legislative  
23 interim committee by November 1, 2013; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative

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2 Mexico state university and New Mexico institute of mining and  
3 technology, the president of Sandia national laboratories, the  
4 director of Los Alamos national laboratory, the association of  
5 commerce and industry of New Mexico and the New Mexico building  
6 and construction trades council.

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