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URGING AWARENESS BY CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES OF CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING DRONES, THAT MAY AFFECT WILDLIFE AND REQUESTING A STUDY TO RECOMMEND METHODS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE FROM DRONES.

WHEREAS, a drone is an unmanned device used or designed for navigation or flight that is guided remotely or by an onboard computer or control system; and

WHEREAS, while there are many positive uses for drones, such as scientific monitoring and research, search and rescue and forest fire detections, drones have been shown to be harmful to wildlife populations; and

WHEREAS, drones can change the natural behavior of wildlife by separating mothers from their young, disrupting animals while they are trying to eat or sleep, disturbing nests

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1 and causing stampedes and other behaviors; and

2 WHEREAS, wildlife can be injured when attempting to escape
3 or avoid drone activity; and

4 WHEREAS, Alaska, Colorado and Montana have banned the use
5 of drones for hunting and fishing; and

6 WHEREAS, many national parks, including Carlsbad caverns,
7 Yosemite, Olympic, Grand Canyon, Arches, Zion and Canyonlands
8 national parks, have banned drones completely; and

9 WHEREAS, hunting and fishing activities bring more than
10 six hundred thirteen million dollars (\$613,000,000) annually to
11 New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, prohibiting the use of drones for hunting and
13 fishing protects the "fair chase" principle of hunting and
14 helps keep alive the tradition of ethical hunting in New
15 Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, the state game commission recently passed a rule
17 protecting game mammals, game birds, game fish, fur-bearing
18 animals and endangered species from drones used for hunting,
19 fishing and other activities; and

20 WHEREAS, protecting wildlife from drones helps keep New
21 Mexico's wildlife populations safe, stable and healthy; and

22 WHEREAS, other state agencies with wildlife
23 responsibilities include the state parks division of the
24 energy, minerals and natural resources department and the state
25 land office;

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