

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JOBS GROWTH PRESENTED BY THE  
3 NEW FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION LAW; REQUESTING THE  
4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY ITS POTENTIAL AND PROVIDE A REPORT.

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7 WHEREAS, on December 3, 2015, the congress of the United  
8 States passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation  
9 Act, known as the FAST Act, a five-year authorization for  
10 federal highway spending; and

11 WHEREAS, the FAST Act has a new requirement for shipping  
12 truckers that limits them to eleven hours of continuous  
13 driving time, referred to in the FAST Act as "service time",  
14 after which they are required to take a ten-hour break; and

15 WHEREAS, three of the nation's main truck shipment  
16 routes cross New Mexico: interstate highway 10, interstate  
17 highway 25 and interstate highway 40; and

18 WHEREAS, shipping companies are likely to adjust their  
19 schedules to both maximize the distance covered during the  
20 allowed service time and to maximize the services available  
21 to their drivers during their required ten hours of downtime;  
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23 WHEREAS, the states that first develop multi-service  
24 locations for truckers that take advantage of the eleven-hour  
25 limit are likely to gain an economic growth and jobs windfall

1 and a competitive advantage over their neighboring states;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the economic  
4 development department and the department of transportation  
5 be requested to conduct a study and develop a report  
6 analyzing:

7 A. the scope of services, such as food services,  
8 motel accommodations, entertainment services and fuel and  
9 vehicle repair stations, that would be needed to make a  
10 location a preferred trucking rest center for shipping  
11 companies;

12 B. the shipping patterns along the interstate  
13 highways crossing New Mexico and the zones where truck  
14 drivers will most frequently reach their eleven-hour service  
15 limit;

16 C. the locations within the eleven-hour frequency  
17 zones that have the best existing infrastructure to support  
18 trucking rest centers; and

19 D. the potential for the state and local  
20 governments to enter into public-private partnerships with  
21 service companies to develop these locations as trucking rest  
22 centers; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development  
24 department and the department of transportation consult with  
25 the New Mexico trucking association and the commercial

1 logistics experts at New Mexico state university in the  
2 development of the report; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development  
4 department and the department of transportation present the  
5 report to the relevant legislative interim committee prior to  
6 November 1, 2016; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the secretary of economic development, the  
9 secretary of transportation, the president of New Mexico state  
10 university and the managing director of the New Mexico  
11 trucking association.

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