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HOUSE MEMORIAL 114

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY
THE PROVISIONS OF LAW GOVERNING THE RURAL ISOLATION UNITS
PROVIDED THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA.

WHEREAS, the Gallup-McKinley county school district is one
of the largest of New Mexico's school districts, sprawling
across the Navajo Nation for over four thousand nine hundred
fifty-seven square miles; and

WHEREAS, the school district is the sixth-largest school
district in terms of students, and eighty-two percent of its
students are Native American; and

WHEREAS, its unique geography presents the school district
with the challenge of educating students in a large number of
rural, isolated schools; and

WHEREAS, between 1976 and 2011, the Gallup-McKinley county

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1 school district received rural isolation units in the size
2 adjustment program unit calculation of the public school
3 funding formula, also known as the "sparsity factor"; and

4 WHEREAS, the sparsity factor provided additional program
5 units for the school district based on the number of approved
6 regular senior high schools not eligible for senior high school
7 size adjustment program units; and

8 WHEREAS, the number of approved senior high schools in the
9 school district not eligible for senior high school size
10 adjustment program units decreased from four in the 2009-2010
11 school year to two in the 2011-2012 school year, making the
12 school district ineligible for rural isolation units;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
15 education study committee be requested to study the law and the
16 funding formula calculations for rural isolation units and the
17 need for changes to the public school funding formula
18 calculation for rural isolation units; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its
20 findings to the second session of the fifty-third legislature;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the chair and director of the legislative
24 education study committee and to the Gallup-McKinley county
25 school district.

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