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HOUSE MEMORIAL 79

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND NEW MEXICO COUNTIES CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE RELOCATION OPTIONS FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, public safety and emergency services are critical to the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the fire marshal division of the public regulation commission is responsible for providing communication, training, investigations, inspections, code adoption and funding to municipal and county fire departments in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the fire marshal division is currently located within the public regulation commission, and the public

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1 regulation commission chief of staff is tasked with providing  
2 oversight for the division; and

3 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission is responsible  
4 for regulating public utilities, including electric, natural  
5 gas and water companies; transportation companies, including  
6 common and contract carriers; transmission and pipeline  
7 companies; including telephone, telegraph and information  
8 transmission companies and other public service companies, and  
9 there is no mention of the needed focus or support to ensure  
10 adequate fire services statewide; and

11 WHEREAS, statewide representatives with technical and  
12 operational expertise about fire services should be actively  
13 engaged in determining the needs and objectives of fire  
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division should be relocated  
16 either as a standalone entity or as an administratively  
17 attached entity in an appropriate state department;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
20 municipal league and New Mexico counties be requested to  
21 convene a working group to evaluate relocation options for the  
22 fire marshal division of the public regulation commission; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed  
24 of representatives of the:

- 25 A. homeland security and emergency management

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1 department;

2 B. department of public safety;

3 C. office of superintendent of insurance;

4 D. public regulation commission;

5 E. fire marshal division of the public regulation  
6 commission;

7 F. New Mexico fire chiefs association;

8 G. fire and emergency managers affiliate of New  
9 Mexico counties;

10 H. New Mexico state firefighters association;

11 I. New Mexico emergency medical technicians  
12 association;

13 J. New Mexico fire marshal's association;

14 K. metropolitan fire chiefs association; and

15 L. New Mexico professional fire fighters  
16 association; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be requested  
18 to report its findings and conclusions to the appropriate  
19 interim legislative committee by September 1, 2019; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the governor, the executive director of the New  
22 Mexico municipal league, the executive director of New Mexico  
23 counties, the secretary of homeland security and emergency  
24 management, the secretary of public safety, the superintendent  
25 of insurance, the chair of the public regulation commission,

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1 the director of the fire marshal division of the public  
2 regulation commission, the president of the New Mexico fire  
3 chiefs association, the president of the New Mexico state  
4 firefighters association, the president of the New Mexico  
5 emergency medical technicians association, the president of the  
6 New Mexico fire marshal's association, the president of the  
7 metropolitan fire chiefs association and the president of the  
8 New Mexico professional fire fighters association.

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