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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COOPERATION WITH BNSF RAILWAY  
AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION LEADERS, TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE  
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INLAND PORT AT TWO  
PROPOSED LOCATIONS.

WHEREAS, the port of Long Beach, California, is the fifth-  
busiest port in the United States; and

WHEREAS, much of the shipping cargo unloaded in Long Beach  
is shipped east along major rail and highway corridors; and

WHEREAS, inland ports are physical sites located away from  
traditional coastal borders with the vision to facilitate and  
process international trade through strategic investment in  
multi-modal transportation assets and by promoting value-added  
services as goods move through the supply chain; and

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1           WHEREAS, a rail-based inland port has three basic  
2 requirements enabling it to fulfill a relevant commercial role:  
3 the ability to serve as an intermodal terminal, host logistics  
4 activities and be a corridor to a gateway; and

5           WHEREAS, New Mexico has two major interstate highways,  
6 crossing the state east to west and north to south, and three  
7 major rail corridors; and

8           WHEREAS, JBA & associates completed an inland port  
9 analysis in June 2015 for the economic development department  
10 and the inland port advisory committee, which analysis ranked  
11 the suitability of five potential inland port site locations  
12 within McKinley county and identified a preferred site for an  
13 inland port location; and

14           WHEREAS, pursuant to House Memorial 72 in the 2017  
15 legislative session and House Memorial 41 in the 2018  
16 legislative session, McKinley county and Cibola county  
17 commissioned the northwest New Mexico council of governments to  
18 oversee a feasibility study regarding the development of the  
19 Prewitt industrial cluster; and

20           WHEREAS, in 2018, Foote consulting group, llc, completed a  
21 series of reports regarding the development of the Prewitt  
22 industrial cluster, including a master site plan; and

23           WHEREAS, there is a renewed desire to pursue the  
24 development of an inland port at either the preferred site  
25 identified in the 2015 feasibility study or the Prewitt

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1 industrial cluster; and

2 WHEREAS, a detailed site analysis and feasibility study  
3 must be completed before either site can be chosen to be  
4 developed as a regional inland port;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the economic  
7 development department and the department of transportation, in  
8 cooperation with McKinley county, Cibola county, BNSF railway  
9 and other transportation leaders, be requested to undertake a  
10 detailed site analysis and feasibility study for the  
11 development of an inland port at the preferred site identified  
12 in the 2015 feasibility study or the Prewitt industrial  
13 cluster, including:

14 A. updating the 2015 and 2018 analyses, including  
15 actions to date, market changes, site review and determination  
16 of the preferred site;

17 B. completing a comprehensive market and economic  
18 feasibility study;

19 C. completing preliminary site analysis, including  
20 an engineering report and environmental reviews;

21 D. completing a detailed design and cost plan for a  
22 preferred site; and

23 E. completing an overall estimated project  
24 schedule; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development

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1 department and the department of transportation and McKinley  
2 and Cibola counties present their recommendations for the  
3 development of an inland port, at either the preferred site  
4 identified in the 2015 feasibility study or the Prewitt  
5 industrial cluster, to the appropriate interim legislative  
6 committees by November 1, 2019; 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 McKinley county manager, the  
10 members of the McKinley county board of county commissioners,  
11 the Cibola county manager and the members of the Cibola county  
12 board of county commissioners.