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HOUSE MEMORIAL 85

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO PLAN FOR STATE-
OWNED AND -MAINTAINED ROADWAYS IN NEW MEXICO WITH THE GOAL OF
ZERO VEHICLE-RELATED DEATHS OR SERIOUS INJURIES BY THE END OF
CALENDAR YEAR 2030.

WHEREAS, in 2021, there were four hundred seventy traffic
fatalities on New Mexico roads, according to the department of
transportation; and

WHEREAS, the most common contributing factors to fatal
accidents in New Mexico are speeding, aggressive driving and
distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, zero vehicle-related deaths and serious injuries
on New Mexico roadways would be a commendable goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
2 of transportation be requested to develop a vision zero plan
3 for state-owned and -maintained roadways in New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vision zero plan be
5 requested to achieve an annual traffic safety record with zero
6 vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries by the end of
7 calendar year 2030; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vision zero plan be
9 requested to include recommendations for amendments to the
10 Motor Vehicle Code or other laws in order to achieve the vision
11 zero goals and an evaluation framework that measures the
12 effectiveness of vision zero efforts, including transportation
13 projects intended to reduce traffic fatalities and serious
14 injuries; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vision zero plan be
16 requested to consider the creation of a position of "vision
17 zero coordinator" within the department of transportation; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before October 31, 2023,
19 the secretary of transportation report on the status of the
20 vision zero plan to the appropriate interim legislative
21 committee concerning transportation, the legislative finance
22 committee and the governor; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the secretary of transportation, the chair of
25 the legislative finance committee and the governor.

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