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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ASSESS BLOCKED
TRAIN CROSSING TIMES ACROSS THE STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO LIMIT BLOCKED CROSSING TIMES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rail lines are a critical component
of the movement of goods, and freight trains frequently cross
roads across the state, which can cause congestion; and

WHEREAS, train crossings can be blocked for up to thirty
minutes at a time, which presents access and safety issues,
particularly to rural New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, assessment and action are needed to determine
blocked crossing times across the state and what action can be
taken to reduce those times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department

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1 of transportation be requested to assess blocked train crossing
2 times across the state and work with rail providers statewide
3 to propose operational changes to limit blocked crossing times;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
6 transportation be requested to confer with railroad services
7 using each crossing and unions representing employees of those
8 railroads; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
10 transportation be requested to report its findings and
11 conclusions to the appropriate interim committees that studies
12 transportation by September 1, 2025; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of transportation for appropriate
15 distribution.

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