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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO
REPORT TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER AND
NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, in 1965, the New Mexico water resources research
institute was officially approved by the United States
department of the interior as New Mexico's designated state
institute; and

WHEREAS, water institutes are located in each state, the
District of Columbia and three United States territories; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, a memorandum of agreement was signed by
the university of New Mexico, New Mexico institute of mining
and technology and New Mexico state university establishing
statewide cooperation for the institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, the New Mexico state legislature

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1 appropriated funding to the institute as a line item in the New
2 Mexico state university budget and in 2005, the legislature
3 enacted statutory authority for the institute in Section
4 21-8-40 NMSA 1978; and

5 WHEREAS, for more than five decades, the institute has
6 administered more than three hundred sixty research and
7 educational projects, funded more than three hundred New Mexico
8 university investigators, provided training opportunities for
9 more than two thousand five hundred university students, has
10 published more than four hundred technical and miscellaneous
11 reports, maintains a reference room with eleven thousand
12 documents and maps, hosts a database of one thousand five
13 hundred people and agencies, maintains a web site and provides
14 geographic information system data on New Mexico water
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS, the institute supports research to address
17 critical water problems by encouraging university faculty
18 statewide to pursue water research while providing training
19 opportunities for students who will become future water
20 resources scientists, technicians and managers, and provides an
21 outlet for transferring research findings to the community and
22 potential users of research results; and

23 WHEREAS, the current drought is thought to be the new
24 normal by some experts, making water policy discussions more
25 critical;

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