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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM, ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEAN ENERGY  
POLICY FOR NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is blessed with an abundance of  
natural resources, and particularly with renewable resources  
such as solar and wind; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is ranked fourth among the fifty  
states in its solar resources; and

WHEREAS, at this time, New Mexico is ranked lower than at  
least ten other states in the development of solar and wind  
resources, and with regard to wind energy, most of the wind  
power developed in New Mexico is exported to other states; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has the potential to become a national  
leader in transitioning to a clean-fuel-based economy in a

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1 manner that balances environmental and economic benefits;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
4 requested to convene a task force to develop a long-term,  
5 environmentally clean energy policy for New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider the  
7 most efficient use of all currently available energy resources  
8 and the economic benefits to all stakeholders; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider  
10 statewide energy efficiency, transportation and conservation  
11 best practices and currently available control technologies in  
12 developing the policy; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of  
14 representatives from all statewide constituencies, including  
15 energy utilities; energy resource providers; local governments;  
16 economic, legal and tax analysts; and environmental interest  
17 groups; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present a  
19 comprehensive and detailed policy recommendation to the  
20 appropriate interim committee by September 2018; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
23 council.