

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY FOR THE STATE TO
DEVELOP AND OPERATE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES
IN AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES
HAVE NOT BEEN DEVELOPED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WHEREAS, as New Mexico's population grows and
undeveloped land becomes more scarce and expensive, the
disposal of solid waste continues to be a fiscal as well as a
practical problem for local and tribal governments,
especially in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, while regional solid waste disposal facilities
have helped to alleviate some of the issues involved with
solid waste disposal, they have also led to other issues with
local and tribal governments concerning the cost, siting,
operation and closing of solid waste disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has large amounts of land under the

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1 jurisdiction of the federal bureau of land management, the
2 United States forest service and the state land office that
3 may be available for siting solid waste disposal facilities;
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5 WHEREAS, coordinating activities related to solid waste
6 facilities and interacting with agencies of the state and
7 federal government may be better handled at the state, rather
8 than the local level; and

9 WHEREAS, a study should be conducted that examines the
10 feasibility for the state to develop and operate regional
11 solid waste disposal facilities in areas of the state where
12 solid waste disposal facilities have not been developed by
13 local and tribal governments, with the local and tribal
14 governments retaining the responsibility for the
15 transportation of solid waste and the payment of tipping
16 fees;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
19 be requested to assign such a study to the interim water and
20 natural resources committee; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the
23 department of environment, the New Mexico office of Indian
24 affairs, the state land office, the federal bureau of land
25 management, the United States forest service, the New Mexico
association of counties and the New Mexico municipal league.