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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 85
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A RECREATIONAL TRAILS NETWORK USING
THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT DITCH ROADS FOR
PEDESTRIAN AND EQUESTRIAN USE.

WHEREAS, there exist more than one hundred thirty-three
miles of middle Rio Grande conservancy district ditch roads
within the unincorporated area of Bernalillo county and many
more miles throughout the middle Rio Grande region; and

WHEREAS, many of these roads are used concurrently by
motorists, pedestrians and equestrians, creating traffic safety
problems between the movement of motorists and that of
pedestrians and equestrians; and

WHEREAS, a recreational trails network would provide the
public with the opportunity to safely enjoy a trail system that

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1 affords access to nature, parks, open space and regional and
2 neighborhood destinations; and

3 WHEREAS, a trails network would also provide the public
4 with exercise opportunities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that an interim legislative committee be
7 requested to study the feasibility of establishing a
8 recreational trails network using the middle Rio Grande
9 conservancy district ditch roads for pedestrian and equestrian
10 use; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
12 committee be directed to address right-of-way assessments,
13 easement agreements or memorandums of understanding,
14 identification of modal-connectivity issues and consistency of
15 existing plans; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the middle Rio Grande conservancy district,
18 Bernalillo county and the New Mexico legislative council.

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