

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR CREATE A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT IN LIGHT OF THE EXTENSIVE GROWTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has identified economic development as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, emphasis on economic development requires that the state provide adequate support for the industry growth resulting from such emphasis; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in New Mexico, making it a major economic driver in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory services provided to the construction industry by the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department are essential to sustaining that growth, to equitable practices in the industry and to the quality of construction in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the processes for funding the construction industries division do not take into account the relationship between industry growth and funding; and

WHEREAS, there exist deficiencies in the construction inspection process between state and local governments that need to be fully explored;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to form a task force to study the relationship between funding and industry growth and inspection processes at the state and local government levels and make recommendations to the legislative finance committee and the department of finance and administration for means and methods of funding the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department that correspond to growth and other relevant changes in the construction industry and improving the efficiencies of all local government inspection processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider at a minimum whether the construction industries division should continue to be a division of the regulation and licensing department and how funding for this agency can be structured with flexibility that will enable it to respond effectively to growth and declines in the construction industry at both the state and local levels, including whether enterprise funding is a viable method of accomplishing this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor consider appointing to the task force a representative from each of the following: the legislative council service, the legislative finance committee, the department of finance and administration, the senate finance committee, the house

appropriations and finance committee, the New Mexico municipal league, the New Mexico association of counties, the residential construction industry, the subcontracting industry, organized labor, the liquefied petroleum gas industry, a licensed and practicing electrical contractor, a licensed and practicing mechanical or plumbing contractor, a licensed and practicing architect, a licensed and practicing general contractor, the director of the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department and a resident of the state who is not a licensed contractor or certified journeyman who shall represent the people of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor consider that the task force meet for the first time no later than April 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its findings and make recommendations to the legislative finance committee and the department of finance and administration by August 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of economic development, the secretary of finance and administration, the superintendent of regulation and licensing and the governor.