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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a state rich in renewable resource potential, including, but not limited to, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass and biofuels energy; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has taken the initiative to implement policies and incentives for renewable resource development, and, given New Mexico's geographical location, the state is poised to become a leader in the new energy economy; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state government administers many existing laws and regulations regarding energy production; and

WHEREAS, the state government also administers many incentives intended to stimulate new renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, the state government also administers a range of programs intended to encourage or subsidize energy conservation or efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the state has adopted renewable energy portfolio standards and other future targets for energy

1 savings; and

2 WHEREAS, any future comprehensive energy planning and  
3 policymaking will require an understanding of existing  
4 policies; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico is lacking renewable energy storage  
6 capacity to enable delivery of renewable energy when it is  
7 needed; and

8 WHEREAS, in the history of wind energy, the tax and  
9 legislative incentives that began in the 1970s have produced  
10 such a vibrant wind industry today that wind energy is now  
11 more competitive with conventional generation methods, so  
12 that tax and legislative incentives are being actively phased  
13 out across the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, it is imperative that New Mexico, a national  
15 leader in the implementation of renewable energy, explore the  
16 steps needed to bring the energy storage industry to parity  
17 with the renewable energy generation industry; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's national laboratories are world  
19 leaders in the research of energy storage, energy  
20 transmission and renewable energy generation technology;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural  
23 resources department be requested to:

24 A. convene a working group of representatives of  
25 energy-related state offices, including the energy, minerals

1 and natural resources department, the department of  
2 environment, the New Mexico renewable energy transmission  
3 authority, the economic development department, the public  
4 regulation commission and the office of the governor, as well  
5 as representatives of New Mexico's national laboratories and  
6 the private and nonprofit sectors;

7 B. organize the working group to compile an  
8 inventory of major existing renewable energy storage policies  
9 and regulations;

10 C. develop legislative and regulatory  
11 recommendations and alternatives that can incentivize  
12 renewable energy storage technologies and infrastructure  
13 development to benefit New Mexico, with the recommendations  
14 drawing on successful planning practices utilized in other  
15 states; and

16 D. present the report to the appropriate interim  
17 committee of the legislature by October 2013; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and  
19 natural resources department be requested to integrate this  
20 effort into the responsibilities of other existing task  
21 forces, working groups or agency activities already under way  
22 that address related efforts; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
25 resources, the secretary of environment, the director of the

1 New Mexico renewable energy transmission authority, the  
2 secretary of economic development, the public regulation  
3 commission, the office of the governor, the state's rural  
4 electric cooperatives, the directors of the national  
5 laboratories located in New Mexico and the chief operating  
6 officers of utility companies providing service in  
7 New Mexico.

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