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HOUSE MEMORIAL 10

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONVENE A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO RAISE REVENUE FOR ROADS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, safe and well-maintained roads and transportation infrastructure are critical to New Mexico's residents and economy; and

WHEREAS, currently, in addition to federal funding, the state's primary sources of revenue used to build, maintain and improve the state's roads and transportation infrastructure are gasoline and special fuels taxes; trucking weight and distance fees; and motor vehicle registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the state's gasoline tax rate, currently seventeen cents (\$.17) per gallon, has not changed since 1995 when it was decreased from twenty cents (\$.20) per gallon;

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1 however, the cost of gasoline has increased dramatically in
2 that time; and

3 WHEREAS, the state's special fuels tax rate, currently
4 twenty-one cents (\$.21) per gallon, was last increased in 2004;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the amount of federal transportation funding
7 available to the state can vary by year depending on whether
8 congress authorizes funding for states' transportation-related
9 needs; and

10 WHEREAS, the state's roads and transportation
11 infrastructure continue to deteriorate more quickly than they
12 can be replaced and repaired;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
15 legislative council be requested to convene a work group to
16 identify and recommend additional potential sources of revenue
17 for transportation needs and to develop and make
18 recommendations on how to increase transportation revenue from
19 current sources; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
21 council invite representatives from the department of
22 transportation, the legislature, tribal governments and local
23 governments to serve as members of the work group; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
25 council name to the work group additional members whose

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1 expertise could contribute to the success of the work group's
2 mission, as the New Mexico legislative council deems necessary;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group provide a
5 report of its recommendations to the interim revenue
6 stabilization and tax policy committee by October 2013; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
9 council and the secretary of transportation.