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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ENERGY,
MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND SOLAR ENERGY
PROONENTS TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL ENERGY AND COST SAVINGS,
FEASIBILITY AND FINANCIAL OPTIONS FOR EXPANDING THE USE OF
SOLAR POWER ON STATE FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, state government owns more than seven hundred
fifty buildings throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the facilities management division of the general
services department is responsible for the management of those
buildings; and

WHEREAS, the facilities management division also leases
two million seven hundred thousand square feet of privately
owned space for state agencies; and

WHEREAS, responsible management of the state government's

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1 facilities should include exploration of increased renewable
2 energy use and methods to reduce energy consumption in state
3 facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a temperate climate and boasts
5 world-class solar energy, ranking second in the nation after
6 Arizona, with the potential to provide significantly more
7 energy than the state's current demand; and

8 WHEREAS, the Toney Anaya building and the Wendell Chino
9 building in Santa Fe are examples of solar installations on
10 state government buildings that reduce energy costs; and

11 WHEREAS, the state has a vital interest in the
12 efficiencies and cost savings that renewable energy can
13 provide; and

14 WHEREAS, the solar power industry has many different
15 opportunities to finance solar energy systems that can assist
16 the state in reducing its long-term energy consumption;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
18 OF NEW MEXICO that the general services department, the energy,
19 minerals and natural resources department, representatives from
20 the renewable energy sector and other relevant parties be
21 requested to evaluate the potential energy and cost savings,
22 feasibility and financial options for expanding the use of
23 solar power on state facilities; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services
25 department be requested to consider the issuance of a request

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1 for proposals that asks for analysis and implementation of
2 energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on state
3 facilities that are cash flow positive and do not require up-
4 front capital investment; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services
6 department and the energy, minerals and natural resources
7 department report their findings and recommendations to the
8 capitol buildings planning commission and the legislative
9 finance committee by November 1, 2016; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of general services, the secretary
12 of energy, minerals and natural resources, the co-chairs of the
13 capitol buildings planning commission, the chair of the
14 legislative finance committee and representatives of the
15 renewable energy sector.

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