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HOUSE MEMORIAL 113

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A
FACILITIES ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL PLANNING PROCESS STUDY OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has seven four-year public post-
secondary educational institutions, three of which are research
universities; ten two-year branch community colleges; seven
two-year independent community colleges; and four tribal post-
secondary educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, many higher education facilities are in need of
repair, replacement, modernization or other restoration; and

WHEREAS, the higher education department is responsible
for the review and approval of public college and university
capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the higher education department capital projects

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1 director is responsible for the statutory management of all
2 aspects of capital projects for the department, including the
3 capital projects planning process and evaluation of
4 infrastructure and facilities for institutions of higher
5 learning; and

6 WHEREAS, a needs assessment of each facility could lead to
7 a capital planning process that would include a complete
8 project list tied to the institutional mission and financial
9 capacity of the institution; and

10 WHEREAS, the needs assessment of each facility could
11 prioritize projects to execute through a multi-year capital
12 plan; and

13 WHEREAS, a systematic approach and prioritization of
14 structures could result in improved efficiency and
15 effectiveness when scheduling replacement, repairs or
16 maintenance of higher education facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, the goal of a study would be to determine current
18 and future maintenance cost savings and to reduce current cost
19 savings from misuse or excess use of materials or funds; and

20 WHEREAS, input from representatives of the facilities
21 assessment industry would provide an added resource for the
22 study;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher
25 education department be requested to conduct a facilities

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1 assessment and capital planning process study of all public
2 higher education facilities in the state; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a needs
4 assessment of repair, replacement, modernization or other
5 restoration of buildings on each campus to determine how to
6 appropriately invest in the existing facilities; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the facilities assessment
8 study include a complete project list tied to the mission and
9 financial capacity of each higher education institution and an
10 actionable portfolio of prioritized projects to be executed in
11 a multi-year capital plan; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
13 department consult with representatives of the facilities
14 assessment industry and other appropriate parties; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
16 department present its findings to the legislative finance
17 committee and other appropriate interim legislative committees
18 by December 1, 2018; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the chair
21 of the legislative finance committee.

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