A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON HOW THE STATE MAY BEST
REQUIRE ASSURANCES FOR WIND TURBINE DECOMMISSIONING.

WHEREAS, in 2017, the American wind energy association
ranked New Mexico as the nation's fastest-growing state for
wind energy construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the energy, minerals and natural
resources department be requested to study how the state may
best require assurances for the decommissioning of wind
turbines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and
natural resources department be requested to work with
stakeholders, including the state land office, the federal
bureau of land management, representatives of the wind energy
industry, representatives of New Mexico counties and other
interested parties, in undertaking the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the energy, minerals and
natural resources department be requested to present the
findings of its study to the interim legislative committee
that studies energy issues by November 1, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
resources and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.