



## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Memorial 20 requests the Energy, Mineral, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to direct the creation of a renewable infrastructure study group to study and develop options to accelerate review and deployment of renewable energy infrastructure in New Mexico. The study group will have fourteen members appointed by the secretary of EMNRD. The group of fourteen appointed members includes:

- one member from EMNRD;
- one member from RETA;
- one member from the NMPRC;
- one member from the state land office;
- one member from the department of game and fish;
- one member from the NM association of counties;
- one member from the NM municipal league;

and seven members from industry or NGOs with relevant expertise, including at least one representative from an environmental organization.

The study group's recommendations on renewable energy infrastructure should:

- examine federal, state, and local permitting requirements and identify opportunities to streamline project reviews;
- identify methods to make permitting decisions more predictable; including standardized guidelines and coordinated interagency process;
- determine best practices to ensure public participation without causing unnecessary delays;
- evaluate the benefits of joining an RTO;
- facilitate collaboration among state agencies, industry, and stakeholders to develop a framework that allows for the efficient deployment of renewable energy infrastructure

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

N/A

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A