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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 67

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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## A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY THE STATE'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ROAD FUND PROGRAM RELATIVE TO FUNDING, APPROVAL OF PROJECTS, CONSTRUCTION, FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND REPORTING.

WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of New Mexico is committed to advancing the state's economic development by improving the state's highway and transportation system, and

WHEREAS, the legislature appropriates approximately twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) annually, based upon projections of available revenues, to the state highway and transportation department to be distributed to local government entities in accordance with a predetermined funding formula, administered on

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a reimbursement basis; and

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WHEREAS, the number of requests for projects from local governments is increasing annually;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation department and the local government division of the department of finance and administration be requested to study methods of administering the state's local governments road fund program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study, as part of the review of the overall administration of the program:

- determine whether the state highway and transportation department should continue to administer the program or whether the authority and responsibility should be with the local government division of the department of finance and administration;
- review the concept of administering the local governments road fund as a grant program;
- review the process of granting match and equipment waivers to local entities demonstrating financial hardships;
- D. review the requirement for a local match of the school bus route program
- review the redistribution of uncommitted. unencumbered or unexpended balances remaining in the program;

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F. review the process of granting time limit extensions to contracts or the need for time limits on contracts: and

G. review the current planning process and the need for long-range five-year plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study examine provisions of the Procurement Code and other constitutional and statutory provisions that hinder or help the process of administering the local governments road fund program in the most efficient and cost-effective manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state highway and transportation department and the local government division of the department of finance and administration report their findings and recommendations to the first session of the forty-third legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretaries of highway and transportation and finance and administration.

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The roll call vote was  $\underline{6}$  For  $\underline{0}$  Against Yes: No: Excused: EJennings, Wray, Donisthorpe Absent: SJ067RU1 . 110688. 1

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