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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 42  
44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY  
Jose R. Abeyta

A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE STATE LAND OFFICE TO STUDY ISSUES ASSOCIATED  
WITH ACCESS TO STATE TRUST LAND FOR RECREATION, HUNTING AND  
ANGLING ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, state trust land was conveyed to the state of  
New Mexico by the United States congress through various acts  
for the purpose of generating revenue for specific state  
beneficiary institutions; and

WHEREAS, almost nine million acres of state trust land  
scattered throughout New Mexico supports more than three  
thousand two hundred agricultural leases with private and  
public entities; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of those nine million acres  
of state trust land offers opportunities for recreation,  
hunting and angling; and

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1           WHEREAS, state trust land is made available for use by  
2 licensed hunters and anglers through an agreement with the  
3 department of game and fish; and

4           WHEREAS, in some cases state trust land may not be  
5 accessible to licensed hunters and anglers via public roads  
6 and may be completely surrounded by private land; and

7           WHEREAS, the commissioner of public lands does not have  
8 authority to provide access to state trust land across private  
9 land; and

10          WHEREAS, the agreement with the department of game and  
11 fish can only provide for the use of state trust land and  
12 cannot guarantee access; and

13          WHEREAS, access to some state trust land for recreation,  
14 hunting and angling may be limited by the willingness of a  
15 private land owner to permit the use of private property to  
16 access state trust land; and

17          WHEREAS, many New Mexico citizens and visitors from other  
18 states have developed traditional recreation, hunting and  
19 angling uses of state trust land that are dependent upon  
20 access; and

21          WHEREAS, that access, when dependent upon crossing  
22 private property, may be affected by changing relationships  
23 with landowners; and

24          WHEREAS, at times uses of both state trust and private  
25 land can result in competing demands; and



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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to  
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 James Roger Madalena, Chair man  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 3 Against

Yes: 5

No: Kissner, Parsons, Roberts

Excused: Picraux, Stewart

Absent: None

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6 Mr. President:

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8 Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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11 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
12 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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14 1. On page 3, line 12, after the semicolon insert "and".  
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16 2. On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, insert:

17 "WHEREAS, other states, including our neighboring state of  
18 Texas, have enacted a system that provides access for sportsmen  
19 and recreationists on private lands adjacent to the states'  
20 trust lands; and

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22 WHEREAS, these programs have resulted in greater economic  
23 returns to the educational beneficiaries and larger  
24 opportunities for sportsmen and other recreational users;".  
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3. On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a review of  
the Texas program as well as programs of other states; and".

Respectfully submitted,

Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: None

Excused: Eisenstadt, Lyons, Sanchez

Absent: None

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