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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 13**

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2000**

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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO  
EXPLORE OTHER MEANS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE ON  
HIGH-VOLUME INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, the interstate highways are the most heavily  
traveled roads in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the interstate highways are the backbone of New  
Mexico's economic development, providing transportation for  
materials, goods and workers; and

WHEREAS, many visitors to New Mexico use the interstate  
highways to travel to their destinations and derive their  
only impressions of New Mexico from their experiences driving  
the miles of interstate within the state; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of litter along the interstate  
highways presents a blemished view of the beauty of New  
Mexico to weary travelers, and the miles of poorly maintained  
roads are a continual problem that annoys travelers and may

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1 destroy their interest in returning to the state; and

2 WHEREAS, litter and weed control, maintenance and  
3 interstate highway improvements cannot be addressed by the  
4 available manpower and allocated resources; and

5 WHEREAS, maintenance of the interstate highways consumes  
6 an ever increasing share of the state's available highway  
7 dollars; and

8 WHEREAS, the non-interstate roads suffer from  
9 insufficient maintenance also due to a lack of adequate  
10 manpower and funding allocations; and

11 WHEREAS, the condition of all interstate highways, as  
12 well as state highways, has a direct influence on economic  
13 development and tourism;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state  
16 highway and transportation department be urged to explore  
17 alternative means of increasing the level of maintenance and  
18 funding allocated for maintenance of high-volume interstate  
19 highways, including litter and weed control, pavement and  
20 bridge repair and striping; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation  
23 and the members of the state highway commission.  
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