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1 meeting the world's future energy needs; and

2 WHEREAS, for more than twenty-five years, New Mexico has
3 led the world in hydrogen and fuel cell research and
4 development, and these technologies offer New Mexico a way to
5 use its vast natural resources, strong business base and
6 educational and research institutions to produce clean,
7 abundant energy, grow jobs, increase its research base and
8 reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil; and

9 WHEREAS, the economic development department has developed
10 a statewide plan for fuel cell research and development that
11 includes programs that encourage industry to locate fuel cell
12 and hydrogen-related research, manufacturing or service
13 operations in New Mexico; remove state-controlled barriers;
14 leverage state resources, including incentive programs that
15 focus on bringing hydrogen and fuel cell technologies to the
16 state's rural communities; encourage adoption of hydrogen and
17 fuel cell technologies in state government buildings and
18 vehicle fleets; and develop the economy through job creation
19 and job training;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, during the 2003 legislative interim,
22 the secretary of economic development be requested to appear
23 before the appropriate interim committee and report on the
24 economic development department's plan for hydrogen and fuel
25 cell research and development in New Mexico, as well as on any

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suggested legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of economic development and the governor.