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**REQUESTING THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT HEARINGS PERTAINING TO
THE USE OF WOOD PELLETS AS A HEAT SOURCE IN NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, providing heat to New Mexicans with renewable and
sustainable fuel is an important goal; and**

**WHEREAS, densified wood pellets and other biomass products
are a clean source of heat for industrial, commercial and
residential facilities; and**

**WHEREAS, the densified wood pellet heating industry could
promote economic growth in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, it is necessary to thin New Mexico forests to
protect them from wildfires; and**

**WHEREAS, a partnership between federal, state and local
governments and businesses to thin forests could create jobs,**

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1 provide New Mexicans with an alternative fuel source and
2 provide necessary material for New Mexico leadership in the
3 biomass and densified wood pellet industry; and

4 WHEREAS, the partnership would promote energy independence
5 for New Mexico;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the economic and rural development and
8 telecommunications committee conduct hearings during the 2003
9 interim period that pertain to methods of using wood pellets as
10 a heat source in New Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hearings include
12 discussions that focus on the use of waste wood from forest
13 thinning projects as source material for biomass and densified
14 wood pellets; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hearings include
16 discussions on the long-term economic impact that a thriving
17 densified wood pellet heating industry could have on New
18 Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to members of the economic and rural development
21 and telecommunications committee.