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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE  
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE APPROPRIATE METHOD  
TO ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO OPERATE AND  
ADMINISTER WATER UTILITY AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for certain local  
governments to acquire, improve, maintain and operate water  
utility authorities; and

WHEREAS, a general law cannot apply to each local  
government considering operating and administering a water  
utility authority, given the number of atypical and special  
conditions found in each region; and

WHEREAS, given the complexity of structuring a water  
utility, it is prudent for an appropriate interim committee to  
fully explore and address the issues surrounding the

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1 development of water utility authorities for those local  
2 governments that wish to operate a water utility authority;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
5 requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to  
6 examine the best method to enable local governments to operate  
7 and maintain water utility authorities; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
10 council and the state engineer.