

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 58

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
12 STUDY THE FISCAL IMPACT OF REDEFINING COUNTY LINES TO PLACE ALL
13 OF THE JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION LANDS WITHIN SANDOVAL
14 COUNTY OR TO CREATE A NEW COUNTY.

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16 WHEREAS, a portion of the lands comprising the Jicarilla
17 Apache reservation is now located within the boundaries of Rio
18 Arriba county and another portion is located within the
19 boundaries of Sandoval county; and

20 WHEREAS, the coordination of services provided by county
21 governments with services provided by the Jicarilla Apache
22 Nation on its reservation might be simpler and more cost
23 effective if all of the reservation lands were located within
24 Sandoval county or a new county; and

25 WHEREAS, county government might be more responsive to the

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1 needs of the residents of the Jicarilla Apache reservation if
2 all the reservation lands were located within a single county;
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4 WHEREAS, evaluation of the effects of realigning county
5 boundaries to include all of the Jicarilla Apache reservation
6 within Sandoval county or within a new county should include
7 identifying the revenue each county derives from the Jicarilla
8 Apache reservation and the expenditures of each county on the
9 Jicarilla Apache reservation; and

10 WHEREAS, evaluation of the effects of creating a new
11 county should include identifying the revenue available to a
12 new county to provide county services;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and
15 administration be requested to evaluate the potential costs and
16 benefits of redefining county lines to place all Jicarilla
17 Apache reservation lands within Sandoval county or to create a
18 new county; to identify revenues derived by Rio Arriba county
19 and Sandoval county from the Jicarilla Apache reservation,
20 including tax revenues, payments in lieu of taxes and state and
21 federal grants and program funds, including impact aid; and to
22 quantify expenditures by Rio Arriba county and Sandoval county
23 for providing services on the Jicarilla Apache reservation; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its
25 findings to the interim Indian affairs committee and any other

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1 appropriate interim committee by September 1, 2006; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration and
4 the county managers of Sandoval and Rio Arriba counties.

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