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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR CREATE A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT IN LIGHT OF THE EXTENSIVE GROWTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has identified economic development as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, emphasis on economic development requires that the state provide adequate support for the industry growth resulting from such emphasis; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in New Mexico, making it a major economic driver in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory services provided to the construction industry by the construction industries division

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1 of the regulation and licensing department are essential to  
2 sustaining that growth, to equitable practices in the industry  
3 and to the quality of construction in New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, the processes for funding the construction  
5 industries division do not take into account the relationship  
6 between industry growth and funding; and

7 WHEREAS, there exist deficiencies in the construction  
8 inspection process between state and local governments that  
9 need to be fully explored;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be  
12 requested to form a task force to study the relationship  
13 between funding and industry growth and inspection processes at  
14 the state and local government levels and make recommendations  
15 to the legislative finance committee and the department of  
16 finance and administration for means and methods of funding the  
17 construction industries division of the regulation and  
18 licensing department that correspond to growth and other  
19 relevant changes in the construction industry and improving the  
20 efficiencies of all local government inspection processes; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider at a  
22 minimum whether the construction industries division should  
23 continue to be a division of the regulation and licensing  
24 department and how funding for this agency can be structured  
25 with flexibility that will enable it to respond effectively to

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1 growth and declines in the construction industry at both the  
2 state and local levels, including whether enterprise funding is  
3 a viable method of accomplishing this goal; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor consider  
5 appointing to the task force a representative from each of the  
6 following: the legislative council service, the legislative  
7 finance committee, the department of finance and  
8 administration, the senate finance committee, the house  
9 appropriations and finance committee, the New Mexico municipal  
10 league, the New Mexico association of counties, the residential  
11 construction industry, the subcontracting industry, organized  
12 labor, the liquefied petroleum gas industry, a licensed and  
13 practicing electrical contractor, a licensed and practicing  
14 mechanical or plumbing contractor, a licensed and practicing  
15 architect, a licensed and practicing general contractor, the  
16 director of the construction industries division of the  
17 regulation and licensing department and a resident of the state  
18 who is not a licensed contractor or certified journeyman who  
19 shall represent the people of New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor consider that the  
21 task force meet for the first time no later than April 1, 2007;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
24 findings and make recommendations to the legislative finance  
25 committee and the department of finance and administration by

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1 August 1, 2007; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the secretary of economic development, the  
4 secretary of finance and administration, the superintendent of  
5 regulation and licensing and the governor.

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