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HOUSE MEMORIAL 54

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERIM WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO
STUDY METHODS TO ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS IN PREVENTING EROSION
DAMAGE FROM FLOODING AND STORM WATER RUNOFF.

WHEREAS, many communities in New Mexico, including Hatch,
Ruidoso, Rio Rancho and Albuquerque, have suffered serious
erosion damage from flooding and storm water runoff in recent
years; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state to
encourage erosion control efforts that will prevent similar
damage in the future; and

WHEREAS, although local governments attempt to repair
damage to public property, it is often left to individual
property owners to initiate and fund improvements to repair
erosion damage to their property and prevent such damage in the

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1 future; and

2 WHEREAS, property owners have difficulty in obtaining
3 information on the best methods to prevent future damage and
4 assistance in determining feasible methods of financing such
5 improvements; and

6 WHEREAS, financial incentives would encourage property
7 owners to undertake flood erosion prevention measures that
8 would be beneficial to the community as a whole;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim
11 water and natural resources committee, in cooperation with soil
12 and water conservation districts, flood control authorities and
13 the appropriate state agencies, study the problem of flood and
14 storm water erosion damage to private property and make
15 recommendations of methods to encourage property owners to take
16 steps to prevent future erosion, including recommendations for
17 tax credits or other financial incentives; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the chair of the interim water and natural
20 resources committee and the director of the legislative council
21 service.

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