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HOUSE MEMORIAL 67

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES AND INTERIM
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CURRENT RECORDKEEPING AND
ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN USE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS
AND TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECOND
SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's state lands comprise more than
thirteen million mineral acres and nine million surface acres;
and

WHEREAS, the state lands have proven to be rich in
minerals, primarily oil and gas, that have enriched the land
grant permanent funds and the land grant beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, many acres of state land are near urban areas and
have the potential for revenue and economic development; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the commissioner of public

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1 lands be able to locate and expediently track all leases and
2 contracts relating to state lands and all revenues received
3 pursuant to leases, trades and other contracts; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1990, the state land office has had the oil
5 and natural gas administration and revenue database system to
6 classify accounts and generate reports; and

7 WHEREAS, a nineteen-year-old computer system may no longer
8 be sufficient for meeting all the needs of the state land
9 office; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico needs to be assured that the needs of
11 the state land office for an efficient recordkeeping and
12 account tracking system are met;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
15 legislative council be requested to assign the appropriate
16 interim legislative committee to study the current
17 recordkeeping and accounting systems of the commissioner of
18 public lands; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state auditor, the
20 attorney general, the economic development department and the
21 commissioner of public lands or their representatives be
22 requested to assist the interim legislative committee in the
23 study; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
25 committee report its findings and recommendations to the second

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1 session of the forty-ninth legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council, the state
4 auditor, the attorney general, the economic development
5 department and the commissioner of public lands.

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