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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW THE STATE'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
FEDERAL MINERAL LANDS LEASING ACT AND USE OF REVENUE ACCRUING
TO THE STATE PURSUANT TO THAT ACT.

WHEREAS, Title 30, Section 191 of the federal Mineral
Lands Leasing Act requires the treasury of the United States to
distribute to New Mexico fifty percent of the money received
from sales, bonuses and royalties collected under the Federal
Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the federal
Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 attributable to lands and mineral
deposits in the state; and

WHEREAS, Title 30, Section 191 of the federal Mineral
Lands Leasing Act states that the money paid to the state is to
be used by the state and its political subdivisions as directed

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1 by the legislature, giving priority to those subdivisions of
2 the state that are socially or economically affected by
3 development of minerals leased under that act for planning, for
4 construction and maintenance of public facilities and for the
5 provision of public service; and

6 WHEREAS, a question has arisen as to whether the state is
7 complying with federal law in its distribution of money
8 received pursuant to the federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate
11 interim legislative committee be requested to review the
12 state's compliance with the provisions of the federal Mineral
13 Lands Leasing Act and use of revenue accruing to the state
14 pursuant to that act; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be requested to
16 develop and propose legislation to the second session of the
17 fifty-second legislature that will ensure state compliance with
18 the federal Mineral Lands Leasing Act; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.