

SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE MEMORIAL 43

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL RECYCLING OR REUSE OF WASTE
MATERIALS IN RURAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, waste materials contaminate the environment and
present public health risks; and

WHEREAS, waste materials are costly to collect and dispose
of; and

WHEREAS, waste materials can be reprocessed into
commercially useful goods; and

WHEREAS, the environment benefits from the recycling or
reuse of waste materials; and

WHEREAS, in their quest to recycle or reuse waste
materials, rural communities may face unique challenges,
including longer hauling distances, lower population densities
and fewer resources;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
2 OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate legislative interim
3 committee that studies economic and rural development issues be
4 requested to study the potential for recycling or reuse of
5 waste materials in rural areas and to provide any resulting
6 findings and recommendations to the legislature; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other groups be requested to
8 participate in the study, including the New Mexico farm and
9 livestock bureau, the New Mexico state university cooperative
10 extension service, New Mexico's soil and water conservation
11 districts, the New Mexico municipal league, the New Mexico
12 association of counties, the department of environment and any
13 other interested parties or groups; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following topics be
15 included in the study:

- 16 A. the use of composting waste;
17 B. recycling of used rubber tires and uses for the
18 product;
19 C. recycling of used plastic products and uses for
20 the product;
21 D. uses of farm, dairy and ranch waste;
22 E. uses for landfill waste; and
23 F. proposed uses of sludge from wastewater and
24 water plants; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
2 council, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau, the New
3 Mexico state university cooperative extension service, New
4 Mexico's soil and water conservation districts, the New Mexico
5 municipal league, the New Mexico association of counties, the
6 secretary of environment and any other interested parties or
7 groups.

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