

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A
3 FACILITIES ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL PLANNING PROCESS STUDY OF
4 HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES.

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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has seven four-year public post-
7 secondary educational institutions, three of which are
8 research universities; ten two-year branch community
9 colleges; seven two-year independent community colleges; and
10 four tribal post-secondary educational institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, many higher education facilities are in need of
12 repair, replacement, modernization or other restoration; and

13 WHEREAS, the higher education department is responsible
14 for the review and approval of public college and university
15 capital projects; and

16 WHEREAS, the higher education department capital
17 projects director is responsible for the statutory management
18 of all aspects of capital projects for the department,
19 including the capital projects planning process and
20 evaluation of infrastructure and facilities for institutions
21 of higher learning; and

22 WHEREAS, a needs assessment of each facility could lead
23 to a capital planning process that would include a complete
24 project list tied to the institutional mission and financial
25 capacity of the institution; and

1 WHEREAS, the needs assessment of each facility could
2 prioritize projects to execute through a multi-year capital
3 plan; and

4 WHEREAS, a systematic approach and prioritization of
5 structures could result in improved efficiency and
6 effectiveness when scheduling replacement, repairs or
7 maintenance of higher education facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, the goal of a study would be to determine
9 current and future maintenance cost savings and to reduce
10 current cost savings from misuse or excess use of materials
11 or funds; and

12 WHEREAS, input from representatives of the facilities
13 assessment industry would provide an added resource for the
14 study;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher
17 education department be requested to conduct a facilities
18 assessment and capital planning process study of all public
19 higher education facilities in the state; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a needs
21 assessment of repair, replacement, modernization or other
22 restoration of buildings on each campus to determine how to
23 appropriately invest in the existing facilities; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the facilities assessment
25 study include a complete project list tied to the mission and

1 financial capacity of each higher education institution and
2 an actionable portfolio of prioritized projects to be
3 executed in a multi-year capital plan; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
5 department consult with representatives of the facilities
6 assessment industry and other appropriate parties; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the higher education
8 department present its findings to the legislative finance
9 committee and other appropriate interim legislative
10 committees by December 1, 2018; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the chair
13 of the legislative finance committee. _____

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