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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND NEW MEXICO
12 COUNTIES CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE RELOCATION OPTIONS
13 FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION
14 COMMISSION.

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16 WHEREAS, public safety and emergency services are critical
17 to the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Mexico;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division of the public
20 regulation commission is responsible for providing
21 communication, training, investigations, inspections, code
22 adoption and funding to municipal and county fire departments
23 in New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division is currently located
25 within the public regulation commission, and the public

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1 regulation commission chief of staff is tasked with providing
2 oversight for the division; and

3 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission is responsible
4 for regulating public utilities, including electric, natural
5 gas and water companies; transportation companies, including
6 common and contract carriers; transmission and pipeline
7 companies; including telephone, telegraph and information
8 transmission companies and other public service companies, and
9 there is no mention of the needed focus or support to ensure
10 adequate fire services statewide; and

11 WHEREAS, statewide representatives with technical and
12 operational expertise about fire services should be actively
13 engaged in determining the needs and objectives of fire
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division should be relocated
16 either as a standalone entity or as an administratively
17 attached entity in an appropriate state department;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico municipal league and New
20 Mexico counties be requested to convene a working group to
21 evaluate relocation options for the fire marshal division of
22 the public regulation commission; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed
24 of representatives of the:

25 A. homeland security and emergency management

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1 department;

2 B. department of public safety;

3 C. office of superintendent of insurance;

4 D. public regulation commission;

5 E. fire marshal division of the public regulation
6 commission;

7 F. New Mexico fire chiefs association;

8 G. fire and emergency managers affiliate of New
9 Mexico counties;

10 H. New Mexico state firefighters association;

11 I. New Mexico emergency medical technicians
12 association;

13 J. New Mexico fire marshal's association;

14 K. metropolitan fire chiefs association; and

15 L. New Mexico professional firefighters
16 association; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be requested
18 to report its findings and conclusions to the appropriate
19 interim legislative committee by September 1, 2019; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the governor, the executive director of the New
22 Mexico municipal league, the executive director of New Mexico
23 counties, the secretary of homeland security and emergency
24 management, the secretary of public safety, the superintendent
25 of insurance, the chair of the public regulation commission,

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1 the director of the fire marshal division of the public
2 regulation commission, the president of the New Mexico fire
3 chiefs association, the president of the New Mexico state
4 firefighters association, the president of the New Mexico
5 emergency medical technicians association, the president of the
6 New Mexico fire marshal's association, the president of the
7 metropolitan fire chiefs association and the president of the
8 New Mexico professional firefighters association.

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