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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STATE'S PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SYSTEMS AND TO PROPOSE MEASURES FOR REFORM.

WHEREAS, the state dedicates billions of tax dollars to public infrastructure projects and the administration of programs designed to bring those projects to fruition; and

WHEREAS, using those resources prudently would build the public's trust in government, strengthen the state's economy and improve the quality of infrastructure in the state; and

WHEREAS, the current use of resources for public infrastructure projects is marked by inefficiency, waste and a lack of transparency; and

WHEREAS, some of that inefficiency stems from the fact that substantial amounts of public money dedicated to public

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1 infrastructure projects sit idle for too long; and

2 WHEREAS, it is incumbent on lawmakers to study the
3 problems with the state's public infrastructure funding systems
4 and identify measures to improve those systems;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that an interim committee of the
7 legislature be created to meet during the biennium of the
8 fifty-third legislature to study the problems of unspent
9 infrastructure funds and the inefficient process in public
10 infrastructure funding and to make recommendations on measures
11 to improve the state's public infrastructure process; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee consist of
13 members of the New Mexico legislative council and members of
14 the legislative finance committee, whose positions of
15 leadership and whose understanding of the state's fiscal policy
16 would enhance the committee's performance of its duties and
17 facilitate the reform of New Mexico's public infrastructure
18 project funding systems, and of other members of the
19 legislature; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be staffed by
21 the legislative council service with assistance from the
22 legislative finance committee; and

23 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
25 president pro tempore of the senate and the directors of the

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