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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES DIVISION OF THE
REGULATION AND LICENSING DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A HOUSING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS IN HOUSING AVAILABILITY
AND AFFORDABILITY BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the construction industry is a major contributor
to statewide economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the process of obtaining inspections and building
permits for residential or commercial purposes can be time-
consuming and complicated; and

WHEREAS, inefficiency in inspection and permitting
processes can increase the cost of construction, which can
exacerbate problems with housing availability and

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1 affordability; and

2 WHEREAS, streamlining the process for obtaining
3 inspections and building permits would create greater
4 efficiency by decreasing the time and costs associated with
5 residential and commercial construction, which could contribute
6 to increased economic development and help alleviate problems
7 with housing availability and affordability;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the director of
10 the construction industries division of the regulation and
11 licensing department be requested to convene a geographically
12 diverse housing and economic development efficiency task force
13 to study and make recommendations to alleviate problems in
14 housing availability and affordability by improving efficiency
15 in the construction industry at all levels of government; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the
17 construction industries division of the regulation and
18 licensing department be requested to invite to participate in
19 the housing and economic development efficiency task force the
20 following representatives:

21 A. two representatives from municipalities that
22 have a complete set of their own regulations on the
23 construction industry at the municipal level; provided that one
24 of the municipalities is situated in congressional district two
25 or three and one municipality is situated in congressional

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1 district one;

2 B. two representatives from municipalities that
3 have a partial set of regulations on the construction industry
4 at the municipal level; provided that one of the municipalities
5 is situated in congressional district one or two and one
6 municipality is situated in congressional district three;

7 C. two representatives from municipalities that do
8 not have any regulation of the construction industry at the
9 municipal level; provided that one of the municipalities is
10 situated in congressional district one or three and one
11 municipality is situated in congressional district two;

12 D. one commercial developer;

13 E. one residential developer;

14 F. one mixed-use developer;

15 G. one representative from a building trade union;

16 H. two commercial contractors; provided that one of
17 the contractors resides in congressional district one or three
18 and one contractor resides in congressional district two;

19 I. two residential contractors; provided that one
20 of the contractors resides in congressional district one or two
21 and one contractor resides in congressional district three;

22 J. one plumbing and mechanical contractor;

23 K. one electrical contractor;

24 L. one liquefied petroleum gas supplier;

25 M. one representative from the department of

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environment; and

N. one representative from the state fire marshal's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the housing and economic development efficiency task force be requested to produce a comprehensive written report and report its findings and recommendations to the interim committee charged with reviewing matters related to economic development by October 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the superintendent of regulation and licensing.