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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF GENERAL AVIATION AND SMALL-TOWN AIRPORTS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH; REQUESTING A BUSINESS IMPACT STUDY.

WHEREAS, promoting economic growth and business diversity in the small to medium-sized towns around New Mexico is critical to building a balanced, dynamic state economy; and

WHEREAS, nationally, businesses that are seeking to locate to small and medium-sized towns analyze locations for how accessible they are for business travel and product movement as a threshold element in their planning; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's abundant open air space and generally good weather are strong selling points to attract aerospace research and development firms; and

WHEREAS, the department of transportation's aviation

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1 division estimates that New Mexico's airports have a backlog of  
2 over seven hundred million dollars (\$700,000,000) in capital  
3 improvement or renovation needs; and

4 WHEREAS, the annual budget available to address the  
5 infrastructure needs at New Mexico's airports is approximately  
6 twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000); and

7 WHEREAS, the department of transportation's aviation  
8 division is poised to conduct the update of the state aviation  
9 system plan, which it does every five years; and

10 WHEREAS, in the past, the state aviation system plan has  
11 not included an evaluation of how business or tourism sectors  
12 are affected by the conditions of New Mexico's airports and the  
13 facilities and amenities that these airports may need;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
16 of transportation's aviation division be requested to include  
17 an evaluation of how the business climate for New Mexico is  
18 affected overall by the condition of and services provided by  
19 New Mexico's airports; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of  
21 transportation's aviation division, the economic development  
22 department and the tourism department jointly review the  
23 facilities and services provided by New Mexico's airports and  
24 provide a report by October 1, 2014 to the appropriate interim  
25 legislative committee with recommendations regarding needed

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1 investments in New Mexico's airports that would have the  
2 greatest impact on improving the business and tourism  
3 environment in New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the director of the aviation division of the  
6 department of transportation, the secretary of economic  
7 development, the secretary of tourism and the co-chairs of the  
8 New Mexico legislative council.

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