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Introduced by





1 regulatory burden, permitting pricing flexibility and  
2 expediting required rate approvals"; and

3 WHEREAS, there continue to be rapid and significant  
4 advances in telecommunications technology and increased  
5 competition in the telecommunications industry, including in  
6 rural high-cost areas of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal communications commission recently  
8 announced its intention to establish extensive new regulatory  
9 policies and mechanisms for the telecommunications industry  
10 that may adversely affect the ability of New Mexico's rural  
11 telecommunications carriers to make local telecommunications  
12 services available at affordable rates for customers in rural  
13 high-cost areas of the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature is concerned that the public  
15 regulation commission's current regulations and practices do  
16 not provide an appropriate expedited time limitation for the  
17 commission to act on requests by an incumbent rural  
18 telecommunications carrier for relief; and that the resources  
19 needed to successfully conclude a commission case with  
20 complex, formal evidentiary procedures can be a barrier to  
21 small carriers with limited resources, thus threatening the  
22 ability to ensure that affordable telecommunications services  
23 are available for rural customers; and

24 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the  
25 legislature, the public regulation commission and affected

1 parties to consider the matter of state responses to the  
2 changes occurring at the federal level, as well as the  
3 potential to further streamline regulatory procedures for  
4 incumbent rural telecommunications carriers to ensure the  
5 widespread availability of affordable rates in rural high-cost  
6 areas of the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate interim legislative  
9 committee be requested to work with the public regulation  
10 commission, the New Mexico attorney general and the  
11 telecommunications industry to review and consider the extent  
12 to which changes in statutes and regulation affecting  
13 incumbent rural telecommunications carriers are needed in  
14 order to ensure the widespread availability of local  
15 telecommunications services at affordable rates in rural high-  
16 cost areas of the state; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate interim  
18 legislative committee report its findings to the senate  
19 leadership, the house leadership and the governor prior to  
20 December 2012; and

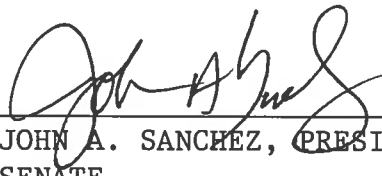
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
23 council, the chair of the public regulation commission, the  
24 New Mexico attorney general and the governor.



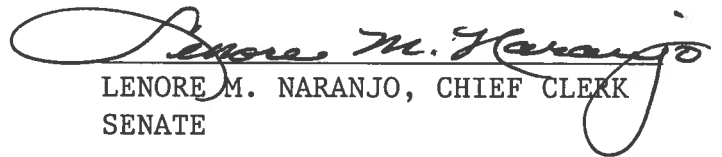
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