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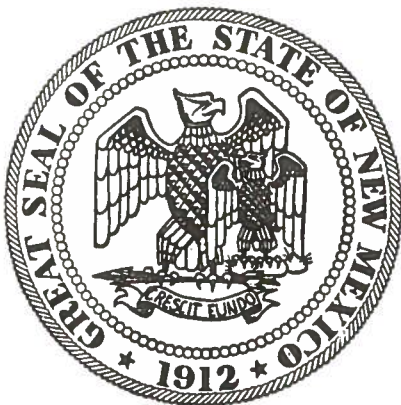
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

Introduced by

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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE PUBLIC
3 REGULATION COMMISSION TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF
4 LEGISLATION TO TRANSFER CONSUMER ADVOCATE STAFF FROM THE
5 PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
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7 WHEREAS, the New Mexico attorney general has authority
8 to participate in utility rate cases on behalf of consumers
9 and ratepayers but has limited staff and resources; and

10 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission has advocacy
11 staff that represent the public interest in utility cases
12 before the commission, which includes but is not limited to
13 the interests of consumers and ratepayers; and

14 WHEREAS, the public regulation commission has separate
15 advisory staff that are able to consult with commissioners
16 without regard to limits on ex parte communications, but this
17 function is primarily legal in nature and suffers from a lack
18 of sufficient technical professional positions;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
21 attorney general and the public regulation commission be
22 requested to cooperate in studying and developing legislation
23 to transfer professional and legal staff from the public
24 regulation commission to the attorney general to form a fully
25 staffed office of ratepayer advocacy and to transfer the

1 remaining utility advocacy staff within the commission to
2 enhance the advisory function; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico attorney
4 general and the public regulation commission report their
5 recommendations to the appropriate committee appointed by the
6 New Mexico legislative council by December 1, 2012 for
7 consideration by the next regular session of the legislature;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the New Mexico attorney general, the public
11 regulation commissioners and the co-chairs of the New Mexico
12 legislative council.

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