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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO WORK WITH THE
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION OF STATE SERVICES AND
FUNCTIONS.

WHEREAS, decisions to privatize state services and
functions should be taken very seriously to ensure cost savings
and an improved delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, privatization should not replace infrastructure
that already delivers services cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, the procurement and contracting process by which
privatization of services and functions occurs should be
reviewed and must be open to legislative oversight;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service be
directed to study and report recommendations on proposed
privatization of state services and functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council
service include the effect of privatization on employment

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1 opportunities and state liability issues, the advisability of
2 prior legislative approval and guidelines on who shall make
3 public policy and conduct planning related to privatization of
4 state services and functions in its study; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council
6 service work with the legislative finance committee to include
7 in its report a cost-benefit analysis of existing state
8 services and functions that are privatized and the effect of
9 privatization on existing infrastructure; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state department and agency
11 secretaries and other parties be requested to cooperate with
12 the legislative council service review of privatization of
13 state services and functions and make all information available
14 to the legislative council service regarding this topic; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council
16 service report its findings and recommendations to the New
17 Mexico legislative council and the legislative finance
18 committee before the first session of the forty-fifth
19 legislature; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
22 council and the chair of the legislative finance committee and
23 their respective staff directors.

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