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1 unreasonable; and

2 WHEREAS, according to news reports, the revenue received
3 for the phone calls by the public and private entities that
4 incarcerate New Mexico inmates has now become an important
5 revenue source for those entities; and

6 WHEREAS, contracts for services provided to correctional
7 facilities should be awarded to those companies that offer the
8 best service at the lowest cost, not to those that offer the
9 highest rebate to the prison operator;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public regulation commission be
12 requested to investigate the rates charged by the corrections
13 department, and by private entities that incarcerate inmates on
14 behalf of the corrections department, for collect calls placed
15 by inmates and determine if the rates are excessive and
16 unreasonable when compared to similar services offered to other
17 citizens of this state; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department be
19 requested to cooperate with the investigation of the public
20 regulation commission and to examine whether the revenue
21 received by private operators of correctional facilities for
22 the collect calls is credited against contract payments made by
23 the state and to also examine whether the revenue received by
24 the corrections department for the collect calls is made
25 available for future appropriation by the legislature; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public regulation
commission and the corrections department report their findings
by December 1, 2001 to the appropriate legislative interim
committee as may be designated by the New Mexico legislative
council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the public regulation commission, the
corrections department and the New Mexico legislative council.

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