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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A
PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PROGRAMS FUNDED FROM THE LOCAL DWI
GRANT FUND AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE REVENUE
STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the local DWI grant fund was created in 1993;
and

WHEREAS, the local DWI grant fund provides funding for
local programs that address the problem of New Mexico drivers
driving while intoxicated and the related problem of alcohol
addiction and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the local DWI grant fund receives a portion of
the proceeds from the state liquor excise tax to provide this
funding; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty-six million dollars

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1 (\$66,000,000) of funding has been directed to local programs
2 since the inception of the local DWI grant fund; and

3 WHEREAS, the legislature receives annual reports on the
4 disbursements from the local DWI grant fund but does not
5 receive evaluations on the effectiveness of these programs;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in order to evaluate the wisdom of continuing to
8 direct liquor excise tax revenues to the local DWI grant fund,
9 it is necessary for the legislature to have information on the
10 performance and effectiveness of the programs that receive
11 funding from the local DWI grant fund;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee be
14 requested to conduct, in cooperation with the local government
15 division of the department of finance and administration, a
16 performance audit and evaluation of the programs funded from
17 the local DWI grant fund; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the performance audit and
19 evaluation consider the number of people that have been served
20 by these programs; the success of the programs in limiting
21 alcohol abuse and problems associated with driving while
22 intoxicated in the areas served by the programs; the existence
23 of follow-up programs and after-care for participants; and the
24 existence of coordinated and regional approaches in program
25 development and operation; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
2 committee develop a report on its findings as to the
3 effectiveness of the funding from the local DWI grant fund;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
6 committee report be presented to the revenue stabilization and
7 tax policy committee prior to October 1, 2002; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revenue stabilization and
9 tax policy committee be requested to hold hearings on the
10 local DWI grant fund and make recommendations as to possible
11 reforms in the distribution of liquor excise tax revenues to
12 the local DWI grant fund or in the distributions from the
13 local DWI grant fund to the first session of the forty-sixth
14 legislature; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the chairman of the legislative finance
17 committee, the chairman of the revenue stabilization and tax
18 policy committee and the secretary of finance and
19 administration.