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**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO INCLUDE AN
EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE
LEGISLATION IN A STUDY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS, there is a practice in the New Mexico
legislature of introducing identical pieces of legislation in
the separate chambers; and**

**WHEREAS, the motivations behind this practice vary
widely, but include the desire to speed the passage of
particular legislation by ensuring that each chamber hears the
legislation early in the legislative session; and**

**WHEREAS, the introduction of duplicate legislation may
actually slow the passage of legislation as committee agendas
become clogged and sponsors spend countless hours trying to
ensure that legislation that began as identical remains**

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1 identical throughout the amendment process; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislative council has directed
3 the legislative council service to undertake a review of the
4 legislative committee system in an effort to assist the
5 legislature in improving the system;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
8 requested to include in its review of the committee system an
9 examination of the effect of the introduction of duplicate
10 legislation on the committee process; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, although memorials have no
12 force, an exception be made in this case and that this
13 memorial not be duplicated for introduction in the other
14 chamber under any circumstances; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.