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1 reinjection has less salt than the Pecos river; and

2 WHEREAS, experiments in processing produced water for
3 reuse have resulted in water clean enough for industrial and
4 agricultural use; and

5 WHEREAS, demands for New Mexico water and the increasing
6 scarcity of suitable water for beneficial uses compels us to
7 avoid waste and optimize the efficiency of our exploitation of
8 water;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state engineer, the oil
11 conservation division of the energy, minerals and natural
12 resources department, representatives of the oil and gas
13 industry and the department of environment be requested to
14 jointly study the issues raised by the potential for treating
15 produced water so that it may be put to beneficial use and
16 report their findings and recommendations for legislation to
17 the appropriate legislative committee by December 1, 2002; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the state engineer and the director of the oil
20 conservation division of the energy, minerals and natural
21 resources department.