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**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
1996**

INTRODUCED BY
ANN J. RILEY

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO STUDY BUDGET AND
PROCUREMENT ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE STATE'S INFORMATION SYSTEMS
NEEDS AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION
OF THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, the state spends approximately one hundred sixty
million dollars (\$160,000,000) a year on computer hardware and
software, data processing, information systems analysis and
design and systems support; and

WHEREAS, the number of requests for computers and
information systems will continue to rise, and the state cannot
afford the cost of planning and design failures; and

WHEREAS, equipment and software purchases and design

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1 services are only one part of the total cost of a computer
2 system, and the legislature must know the true, recurring costs
3 of an information system before it can make an informed decision
4 regarding funding; and

5 WHEREAS, the legislature also needs assurance over time
6 that a system's development continues to progress as planned and
7 that benchmarks and other achievements can be measured and
8 objectively evaluated; and

9 WHEREAS, cost controls and a comprehensive budget process
10 must be implemented to ensure that funding decisions are made
11 with the realistic expectation that true costs are known at the
12 outset and that identifiable, measurable benefits can be
13 achieved;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee be
16 requested to study methods of funding, planning, budgeting,
17 designing, purchasing and administering information systems; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study develop the
19 provisions and form of a comprehensive budget review process
20 that:

21 A. requires an agency requesting information system
22 funding to prepare a complete information system plan that
23 describes, with specificity, the uses for the system over time;
24 the resources required to plan, design, implement, maintain and
25 update the system; and the extent to which end users will be

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1 involved in all phases of system planning, design,
2 implementation, maintenance and updating to ensure that
3 appropriate and useful information is collected and managed;

4 B. identifies the projected nonrecurring and
5 recurring costs of the information system;

6 C. includes benchmarks and phases against which
7 progress and cost-effectiveness can be evaluated; and

8 D. contains other elements identified by the
9 legislative finance committee as necessary for the legislature
10 to evaluate budget requests; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study examine provisions of
12 the Procurement Code and other constitutional and statutory
13 provisions that hinder or help the process of developing
14 information systems in the most efficient and cost-effective
15 manner; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study examine and evaluate
17 administrative models that can be used to ensure interagency
18 cooperation and coordination of information systems; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
20 committee report its findings and recommendations to the first
21 session of the forty-third legislature; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the chairman and the director of the legislative
24 finance committee.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Wray

Absent: 0

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February 9, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: None

Absent: Light, McSorley, Ryan, Stewart

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