A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPANDING THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT.

WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Act has allowed a limited number of individual public schools in New Mexico to become charter schools and initiate innovative changes in teaching methods and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the flexibility allowed by the Charter Schools Act is available to only a few schools due to limits in the current law; and

WHEREAS, there are many schools and local school districts that could utilize the flexibility allowed by the Charter School Act to modify the organization and operation of their schools to meet the unique needs of their student population and respond to the challenges and opportunities

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1   presented by the communities they serve;

2   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

3   OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education be requested

4   to make recommendations to the legislative education study

5   committee on ways in which the Charter Schools Act can be

6   amended to address the needs and concerns of individual

7   schools and local school districts that want to acquire

8   charter status; and

9   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

10   transmitted to the state board of education and the director

11   of the legislative education study committee.

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Mr. President:

Your **RULES 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,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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8 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

9 Yes: 6

10 No: 0

11 Excused: Aragon, Gorham

12 Absent: None

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