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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION
12 FUNDING FORMULA TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HIGHER EDUCATION
13 FUNDING FORMULA AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE
14 FUNDING FOR CORE PRIORITIES BASED ON THE MISSION OF THE
15 INSTITUTION.

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17 WHEREAS, to ensure adequate and appropriate funding for
18 the various two-year and four-year higher educational
19 institutions it is necessary to examine the missions of the
20 institutions; and

21 WHEREAS, there are significant differences between the
22 missions of the four-year research institutions, with their
23 emphasis on research and a broad range of doctoral programs,
24 and the missions of comprehensive institutions that focus on
25 maintaining broad access and concentrate on undergraduate
programs; and

WHEREAS, it may be useful to examine the business and

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1 economic development needs of the state and, using Georgia as
2 a model, focus the missions of the institutions on the
3 research and the graduate and undergraduate programs that
4 support the core competencies needed by the primary
5 businesses and industries in the region or in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, it is necessary to update both the two-year and
7 four-year cost model and to revise the institutional support
8 component of the higher education funding formula to be more
9 responsive to the missions of the various educational
10 institutions;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
13 be requested to appoint a higher education funding formula
14 task force to examine the missions and needs of the two-year
15 and four-year higher educational institutions and in light of
16 that study to update the cost models and to revise the
17 institutional support component of the higher education
18 funding formula; and

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