

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 66

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE AGENCY ON AGING TO WORK JOINTLY WITH THE
TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO PUBLICIZE INFORMATION ABOUT
PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS, ASSIST
THEM IN OBTAINING SUCH BENEFITS AND STUDY THE NEED FOR
ADDITIONAL SENIOR PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF.

WHEREAS, many low-income senior citizens are unaware of
their eligibility for a property tax rebate or a freeze on
increases in the valuation of their homes for property tax
purposes; and

WHEREAS, the state agency on aging operates the health
insurance benefits assistance counseling program to provide
senior citizens with information about health insurance and
benefit entitlements; and

WHEREAS, the state agency on aging could work jointly

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1 through the health insurance benefits assistance counseling
2 program and with the taxation and revenue department to provide
3 information about property tax benefits, including information
4 on eligibility requirements and how to apply for either a tax
5 rebate or the freeze on property valuation increases; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to providing information and
7 assistance to low-income senior citizens regarding existing
8 property tax benefits, the state agency on aging could also
9 work jointly with the taxation and revenue department to study
10 the need for additional property tax assistance and relief for
11 various groups of senior citizens;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state agency on aging work jointly
14 with the taxation and revenue department to publicize
15 information about property tax benefits available to low-income
16 senior citizens and assist interested senior citizens in
17 determining eligibility and making application for such
18 benefits; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging also
20 conduct a joint study with the taxation and revenue department
21 to determine the need for additional property tax assistance
22 and tax relief for various groups of senior citizens; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 given to the director of the state agency on aging and the
25 secretary of taxation and revenue.

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