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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 88

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DESIGNATE
AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AND ENTITIES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.**

**WHEREAS, as we are entering the twenty-first century, it
is an appropriate time to review all statutes that govern the
office of cultural affairs to determine if these statutes
reflect the will of the legislature for this new era; and**

**WHEREAS, there are several avenues for policymaking that
impact the daily functions and actions of the state museums
under the authority of the office of cultural affairs; and**

**WHEREAS, the role of the regents needs to be more clearly
defined; and**

**WHEREAS, the museum curator's role needs to be more
clearly defined; and**

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1 WHEREAS, the role and composition of the sensitivity
2 committee need to be more clearly defined to reflect societal
3 sensitivities in this technological era; and

4 WHEREAS, the duties of the office of cultural affairs
5 under the Open Meetings Act need to be more clearly defined;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, there is a need to inform citizens on a
8 statewide basis of the major decisions made by the office of
9 cultural affairs; and

10 WHEREAS, there is a need for an appropriate forum for
11 citizens to voice their views on major decisions of the office
12 of cultural affairs, the sensitivity committee, the museums
13 and the regents;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
16 requested to designate an appropriate interim committee to
17 review statutes governing the office of cultural affairs and
18 entities under its jurisdiction; review other matters relating
19 to the office of cultural affairs and entities under its
20 jurisdiction, including organization, policies, relationships,
21 authority, regents and their responsibilities, employee
22 competencies, the role of the sensitivity committee, duties
23 under the Open Meetings Act, rights and appeals process of
24 citizens and notification of meetings; hold hearings; and make
25 appropriate statutory revisions and other recommendations, if

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1 any, to the first session of the forty-sixth legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative
4 council.

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