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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 99
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TAKE
TESTIMONY REGARDING THE HIGH COST TO COUNTIES OF TRANSPORTING
STATE INMATES.

WHEREAS, in terms of land mass, the state of New Mexico
is the fifth largest state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, due to the size of New Mexico, the cost of
transporting state inmates between county jails and
correctional facilities places a tremendous strain on county
budgets; and

WHEREAS, although Section 4-44-18 NMSA 1978 provides that
a county may be reimbursed by the state for the expense of
transporting state inmates, the reality is that counties have
not been reimbursed by the state for several years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections oversight committee
2 be requested to take testimony regarding the high cost to
3 counties of transporting state inmates; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections oversight
5 committee be requested to take testimony on this matter from
6 the New Mexico association of counties and the corrections
7 department; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the co-chairs of the corrections oversight
10 committee, the executive director of the New Mexico
11 association of counties and the secretary of corrections.

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