

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

2 **45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER  
12 EDUCATION TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH  
13 CANADA AND MEXICO.

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15 WHEREAS, the western interstate commission for higher  
16 education is dedicated to sharing higher education resources  
17 in the western United States; and

18 WHEREAS, under the western interstate commission for  
19 higher education's umbrella, students across the western  
20 United States, including students in New Mexico, benefit from  
21 reduced tuition arrangements among the commission's member  
22 states; and

23 WHEREAS, in an increasingly global economy and with the  
24 establishment of the North American Free Trade Agreement,  
25 expansion of the reduced tuition programs to states and  
provinces in Mexico and Canada may prove beneficial both to  
students and to their states, provinces and countries; and

WHEREAS, the commission has acted to explore the  
feasibility of an international exchange program founded on

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1 tuition reciprocity through its work on the North American  
2 tuition bank project in cooperation with the consortium for  
3 North American higher education collaboration;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the western interstate commission for  
6 higher education be encouraged to aggressively pursue tuition  
7 reciprocity agreements with states and provinces in Mexico and  
8 Canada that border commission member states; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the western interstate commission for higher  
11 education.

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