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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REFER TO THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE A STUDY OF THE WORKERS'
COMPENSATION LAWS AND PRACTICES.

WHEREAS, an equitable and efficient workers' compensation
program is essential to employers, employees and the economic
health of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a special session of the legislature in 1990
substantially rewrote the workers' compensation laws of this
state and initiated a completely new workers' compensation
program; and

WHEREAS, for the first four years of the new program, a
joint interim workers' compensation oversight committee kept
the legislature informed of the status of the program and
proposed important changes that needed to be made to the

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1 program; and

2 WHEREAS, there has been no legislative oversight or study
3 of workers' compensation for over seven years; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislature should study the workers'
5 compensation program and identify any problems or deficiencies
6 that need to be addressed;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
9 requested to assign the study of the workers' compensation
10 program to the appropriate interim committee; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee examine the
12 statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and court
13 decisions governing the workers' compensation laws in New
14 Mexico, consult with and solicit advice from the director of
15 the workers' compensation administration and the
16 superintendent of insurance and recommend legislation or
17 changes if any are found to be necessary to the first session
18 of the forty-sixth legislature; and

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