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1 different and innovative forms of measuring student learning
2 and achievement so as to address the needs of all students;
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4 WHEREAS, with the enactment of the 1999 Charter Schools
5 Act, the legislature hoped to create professional
6 opportunities for teachers by creating new, innovative and
7 more flexible ways of educating children within the public
8 school system and provide for enhanced information sharing;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, with the enactment of the 1999 Charter Schools
11 Act, the legislature hoped to encourage parental and community
12 involvement in the public school system; and

13 WHEREAS, with the enactment of the 1999 Charter Schools
14 Act, the legislature at all times intended to hold charter
15 schools accountable for meeting state board of education
16 minimum educational standards and fiscal requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, despite legislative intent, there is
18 disagreement among legislators, charter school advocates,
19 public school administrators and others over the statutory
20 interpretation of the various oversight responsibilities with
21 regard to charter schools; and

22 WHEREAS, the legislative council service is capable of
23 offering an interpretation of the statutory responsibilities
24 contained in the 1999 Charter Schools Act;

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

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service
2 delineate the state board of education's, the state department
3 of public education's and local school boards'
4 responsibilities with regard to charter schools in
5 consultation with the state department of public education,
6 the state school board association and charter school
7 advocates; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council
9 service report its findings to the appropriate legislative
10 interim committee prior to November 2002; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the director of the legislative council
13 service, the superintendent of public instruction and the
14 chair of the state school board association.