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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 18**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE CURRENT STATE PARKS  
DIVISION FEE SCHEDULE.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's state parks are among the state's  
finest possessions, protecting irreplaceable natural, cultural  
and recreational resources, preserving the unique multicultural  
heritage of the state and serving as tremendous economic  
assets; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16-2-7 NMSA 1978, the  
secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources is required  
to ensure that the state parks division is made as nearly self-  
supporting as possible; and**

**WHEREAS, unforeseen acts of nature over the past three  
years, including fire restrictions and drought conditions, have**

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1 significantly impacted visitation to and subsequent revenue  
2 collections from state parks; and

3 WHEREAS, there is strong public interest in having a  
4 variety of options for admission to state parks, including  
5 single-day admissions, annual day-use passes, annual camping  
6 passes and other options; and

7 WHEREAS, it is desirable for visitors to state parks to  
8 continue to receive quality services at reasonable and fair  
9 rates;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks  
12 division of the energy, minerals and natural resources  
13 department be requested to conduct a study of the current state  
14 parks division fee schedule and park revenues to determine a  
15 fair and reasonable fee schedule and to make recommendations  
16 concerning the fee schedule; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a survey of  
18 state park systems in surrounding states, an analysis of the  
19 current cost-effectiveness of each state park in terms of  
20 revenue collected and park operational costs and an estimate of  
21 potential revenue increases from additional marketing efforts,  
22 capital improvements or additional park programs; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study also include an  
24 analysis of the current cost evaluation of offering several  
25 types of annual passes, including an annual camping pass, as

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1 well as seasonal and promotional entrance passes, and other  
2 offerings to meet the interests and needs of the public; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state parks division be  
4 requested to report the findings of the study to the  
5 legislative finance committee and the interim legislative water  
6 and natural resources committee by September 1, 2003; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural  
9 resources.

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