

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO EARN MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS FOR THEIR WORK DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND FOR INTERIM COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE.

WHEREAS, the work of legislators and legislative staff involves studying, analyzing, debating and writing the laws of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, some legislators and legislative staff are members of the state bar of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, those legislators and legislative staff that are also attorneys are required to comply with minimum continuing legal education requirements; and

WHEREAS, under the rules for continuing legal education, credits may be given for approved programs, which may include lectures, panel discussions and question-and-answer periods; and

WHEREAS, the work of legislators and legislative staff during the legislative session and during the legislative interim is similar to the requirements for courses for which continuing legal education credits are allowed, and the work often includes lectures, panel discussions and question-and-answer periods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico minimum continuing legal education board conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of allowing legislators and legislative staff to earn minimum continuing legal education credits for their work during the legislative session and for interim committee attendance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the study be reported to the board of bar commissioners of the state bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico supreme court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico minimum continuing legal education board, the board of bar commissioners of the state bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico supreme court.