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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING THE
ADMINISTRATION OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS INTO ONE STATE DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTING
FEDERAL FACILITATION OF EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION OF
THOSE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico suffers from chronic hunger problems
and leads the nation with children living in food-insecure
households, according to feeding America, a nationwide network
of food banks; and

WHEREAS, state-administered United States department of
agriculture food distribution programs have been highly
effective tools for addressing hunger, but bureaucratic
complexity at times creates barriers to participation in these

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1 important programs; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico currently administers its United
3 States department of agriculture food distribution programs
4 through several different state agencies, including the public
5 education department, the children, youth and families
6 department and the human services department; and

7 WHEREAS, reducing bureaucratic complexity could simplify
8 application processes, facilitate appropriate data sharing
9 among programs, reduce administrative costs and increase
10 governmental efficiency;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative health and human
13 services committee be requested to study the feasibility of
14 combining the administration of all state-administered food
15 distribution programs, including the supplemental nutrition
16 assistance program, the national school lunch program, the
17 child and adult care food program, the school breakfast
18 program, the summer food service program, the special
19 supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children,
20 the emergency food assistance program and others, into a single
21 existing state department; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the New Mexico
23 congressional delegation be requested to work with the United
24 States department of agriculture to facilitate any efforts to
25 streamline the administration of its food distribution programs

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1 within state agencies; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
4 council, the chair of the legislative health and human services
5 committee, the secretary of public education, the secretary of
6 children, youth and families and the secretary of human
7 services.

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