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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY FOR RESPONSIBLE SPENDING IN HIGHER  
EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, there has been much media attention on western  
New Mexico university and its spending; and

WHEREAS, there are thirty-two separate public boards of  
various community colleges, universities, tribal colleges and  
specialty schools within higher education in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, all New Mexico higher education institutions  
engage in the spending of taxpayer money; and

WHEREAS, all New Mexico higher education institutions  
engage in travel and international travel; and

WHEREAS, all New Mexico higher education institutions have  
procurement policies and travel policies; and

WHEREAS, the constitutionally established universities and

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1 colleges have exemptions to the Procurement Code and various  
2 travel codes;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO the higher education  
5 department be requested to conduct a study that examines and  
6 reviews all public institutions of higher education  
7 expenditures, procurement policies and travel policies made  
8 under the Procurement Code and institutional travel codes and  
9 those expenditures made by universities and colleges that are  
10 exempt from the Procurement Code and travel codes; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the higher education department.

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