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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 15
49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO WEBCAST AND
ARCHIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, legislative floor proceedings in forty-eight
states, including New Mexico, are available to the public via
internet streaming known as webcasts; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of any legislature's policymaking, but
especially New Mexico's, is done in the committees that meet
during and between the regular sessions; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult or impossible for most residents
in a state as geographically large as New Mexico to travel the
distances required and spend the time necessary to attend an
interim committee meeting, whether that meeting is held in
Santa Fe or in some other location; and

WHEREAS, the technology that makes internet streaming
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1 possible continues to evolve so rapidly that obstacles to
2 streaming such as cost, access and equipment can be easily
3 overcome, so it is only a matter of time before private
4 entities stream interim committee meetings, either free of
5 charge or for a fee to paying clients; and

6 WHEREAS, audio streaming of interim committee meetings in
7 the capitol can be offered at practically no cost and with
8 minimal additional staff effort; and

9 WHEREAS, live audio streaming of interim committee
10 meetings outside the capitol could be offered by purchasing
11 broadband access, which is currently available from cellular
12 telephone companies, and basic audio equipment; and

13 WHEREAS, live audio and video streaming of interim
14 committee meetings both inside and outside the capitol is
15 increasingly becoming less expensive and technologically easier
16 to offer; and

17 WHEREAS, live streaming and archiving of interim committee
18 meetings would also benefit those members of the legislature
19 who are unable to attend meetings, both of committees of which
20 they are members and committees of which they are not; and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the legislature's interest to do
22 everything possible to ensure that New Mexicans have free and
23 easy access to the information presented at interim committee
24 meetings and to the deliberations of the committee members;

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 be
2 requested, within budgetary and technological constraints, to
3 offer live audio and video streaming and archiving of interim
4 committee meetings beginning with the 2010 interim; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the director of the legislative council service.

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