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REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A
STUDY OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 24/7 SOBRIETY AND DRUG
MONITORING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a continuing problem with persons
driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, there is a high rate of recidivism by those who
drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, the number of persons who drive under the
influence of alcohol or drugs presents a grave public health
crisis in the state; and

WHEREAS, a Rand corporation study published in the
American Journal of Public Health concluded that the 24/7
sobriety and drug monitoring program's frequent alcohol testing
combined with swift, certain and modest sanctions for

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1 violations can reduce problem drinking and improve public
2 health outcomes; and

3 WHEREAS, the Rand corporation analysis provides strong
4 evidence that the 24/7 sobriety and drug monitoring program,
5 when applied to repeat driving under the influence of alcohol
6 or drugs offenders and offenders of other crimes in which the
7 abuse of alcohol or drugs is a factor, such as domestic
8 violence, is successful in reducing arrests for those crimes;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, as a result of the success of the 24/7 sobriety
11 and drug monitoring program, it has been authorized as a
12 program for which impaired driving countermeasure incentive
13 grant funding is available under federal law; and

14 WHEREAS, the 24/7 program was implemented with noted
15 success by South Dakota as part of the recent reform of its
16 criminal justice system; and

17 WHEREAS, the 24/7 program has also been implemented with
18 great success in Montana and North Dakota; and

19 WHEREAS, the Montana implementation of the 24/7 program
20 was recently modified to require that the program meet
21 evidence-based analytical standards; and

22 WHEREAS, the legislative finance committee has been
23 working with the Pew charitable trusts and the MacArthur
24 foundation on evidence-based policymaking through the results
25 first initiative;

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