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2	51st legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - second session, 2014
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A
12	STUDY OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 24/7 SOBRIETY AND DRUG
13	MONITORING PROGRAM.
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15	WHEREAS, New Mexico has a continuing problem with persons
16	driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and
17	WHEREAS, there is a high rate of recidivism by those who
18	drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and
19	WHEREAS, the number of persons who drive under the
20	influence of alcohol or drugs presents a grave public health
21	crisis in the state; and
22	WHEREAS, a Rand corporation study published in the
23	American Journal of Public Health concluded that the 24/7
24	sobriety and drug monitoring program's frequent alcohol testing
25	combined with swift, certain and modest sanctions for
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WHEREAS, the Rand corporation analysis provides strong evidence that the 24/7 sobriety and drug monitoring program, when applied to repeat driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs offenders and offenders of other crimes in which the abuse of alcohol or drugs is a factor, such as domestic 8 violence, is successful in reducing arrests for those crimes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
3	finance committee undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness
4	of the 24/7 sobriety and drug monitoring program, including
5	whether the stated goals of the program, such as whether twice-
6	a-day testing is occurring and sanctions imposed are swift and
7	certain, and report its findings to the appropriate legislative
8	interim committee in the 2015 interim period; and
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10	transmitted to the director of the legislative finance
11	committee.
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