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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER OF THE GENERAL

SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A SURVEY AND STUDY OF THE DIFFERENT

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS USED IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the different public safety agencies in the state use different communications equipment and systems; and

WHEREAS, the different communications systems have different capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the rural nature of the state creates gaps in the coverage of the different communications systems in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the communications engineer of the general services department be requested to conduct a survey of all of the public safety agencies in the state to determine what communications systems are used; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the communications engineer be requested to conduct a study of the different communications systems being used to determine which, if any, are the most effective for use in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the communications engineer be requested to report the findings of the study to a legislative interim committee that has jurisdiction over public safety issues not later than October 31, 2003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the communications engineer of the general services department.