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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF
THE STATE ENGINEER TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING
WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING ON ALL STATE PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is facing severe water shortages and
legal and economic consequences associated with limited water
supplies; and**

**WHEREAS, water conservation is state policy, wasting of
water is a crime and water users throughout the state are being
asked to conserve water and pay higher costs for its overuse;
and**

**WHEREAS, there are many environmental benefits to be
gained by using native vegetation in landscape planting; and**

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1 significant water savings that can result from water-wise
2 landscaping; and

3 WHEREAS, the state's water utility expenses might be
4 reduced and its natural environment enhanced by the
5 retrofitting and installation of water-wise native landscape
6 vegetation;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the general services department and
9 the office of the state engineer be requested to cooperate in
10 assessing the feasibility of installing water-wise native
11 vegetation on all state property and report their findings and
12 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2003; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of general services and to the
15 state engineer.