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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 58**  
**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE THE NEED TO**  
**EXPAND THE GUADALUPE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

**WHEREAS, the state's correctional system is a key**  
**component of the state's public safety strategy, separating**  
**violent offenders from law-abiding residents and offering**  
**valuable programs to rehabilitate offenders prior to their**  
**release; and**

**WHEREAS, the state has ambitiously worked to expand the**  
**capacity of its prison system to safely accommodate an ever-**  
**growing inmate population by contracting with private prison**  
**operators and housing inmates out-of-state; and**

**WHEREAS, despite the recent expansions in prison capacity,**  
**New Mexico's prison system is once again nearing its capacity**  
**for male inmates, creating a potentially dangerous and**

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1 unmanageable situation; and

2 WHEREAS, the privately owned and operated Guadalupe county  
3 correctional facility, with a capacity for six hundred inmates  
4 and an actual population near that number, is located  
5 conveniently along interstate 40, which makes the  
6 transportation of inmates, delivery of supplies and visitation  
7 of inmates' family members relatively easy; and

8 WHEREAS, the Guadalupe county correctional facility is a  
9 modern correctional facility and was designed to be expanded  
10 relatively easily;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be  
13 requested to examine the need, feasibility and other issues  
14 regarding the possible expansion of the Guadalupe county  
15 correctional facility by fifty-two cells to accommodate an  
16 additional one hundred four inmates; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department  
18 report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the second  
19 session of the forty-sixth legislature; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the secretary of corrections.