1	SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14
2	46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT
12	OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL,
13	THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE EDUCATIONAL
14	RETIREMENT BOARD TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
15	SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE THAT PROTECT THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF THE
16	STATE PERMANENT FUNDS.
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18	WHEREAS, the corpus of New Mexico's land grant permanent
19	funds and the severance tax permanent fund is approximately ten
20	billion dollars (\$10,000,000,000); and
21	WHEREAS, the distributions from these funds, now and in
22	perpetuity, are an integral and necessary ingredient for the
23	future prosperity of New Mexico and its citizens; and
24	WHEREAS, the governor has proposed investing up to two
25	hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) from the permanent funds
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in New Mexico businesses as an economic development initiative; 2 and

WHEREAS, the corpus of the two retirement funds for New Mexico public employees is more than thirteen billion dollars (\$13,000,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the actuarial soundness of the retirement funds is absolutely necessary in order to maintain a healthy work environment in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, the losses suffered by New Mexico's funds point out the fact that essential safeguards must be in place to protect the fiscal integrity of the permanent funds; and

WHEREAS, a task force composed of legislators and experts should be appointed to examine the controls and safeguards applicable to investments of the permanent funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be requested to appoint members of the legislature to a task force to examine the controls and safeguards applicable to investment of New Mexico's permanent funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of finance and administration, the state investment council, the public employees retirement association and the educational retirement board each be requested to appoint members to the task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be . 143616. 2

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