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2	47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TESTIFY
12	TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON NEW MEXICO AS THE WORLD
13	LEADER IN BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE
14	DEVELOPMENT OF RELATED INDUSTRY CLUSTERS.
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16	WHEREAS, the interest and awareness of biotechnology is
17	rising on a national and international scale; and
18	WHEREAS, various United States federal agency and
19	department programs are expected to grow pursuant to emerging
20	national technology policy and concern for energy, biological,
21	economic and military security; and
22	WHEREAS, New Mexico is now ready to take a leadership role
23	in research, development, manufacturing and integration of
24	biotechnology products and systems, and these products and
25	systems represent great promise for innovative solutions to a
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wide variety of vital industrial, environmental, health and
 governmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty years, New Mexico has been a
world leader in biotechnology research and development, and
these technologies offer New Mexico a way to use its strong
business base and educational and research institutions to
produce innovative technology, create jobs, increase its
research base and contribute solutions to national energy,
health and security needs; and

WHEREAS, the economic development department has developed a statewide plan for biotechnology research and development that includes programs that encourage industry to locate biotechnology research, manufacturing or service operations in New Mexico; leverage state resources, including incentive programs that focus on bringing biotechnology products and solutions to the state's rural communities; and develop the economy through job creation and job training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, during the 2005 legislative interim, the secretary of economic development be requested to appear before the appropriate interim committee and report on the economic development department's plan for biotechnology research and development in New Mexico, as well as on any suggested legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be . 155865.1

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