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SENATE MEMORIAL 48

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
INTERIM VETERANS' AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS, there are approximately two hundred thousand
veterans of the United States armed forces and the New Mexico
national guard who reside in this state; and**

**WHEREAS, veterans' affairs is a key policy issue for the
legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, more than one hundred bills related to veterans'
issues have been introduced in the first session of the forty-
seventh legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes an overdue need to
focus on veterans' affairs; and**

**WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes a responsibility to
coordinate legislative initiatives related to veterans'**

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1 affairs;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
4 requested to create an interim veterans' affairs oversight
5 committee to work with the veterans' services department, the
6 department of military affairs and related agencies to:

7 A. review the functions of state agencies and
8 tribal entities involved in providing services to veterans to
9 determine if the present division of responsibilities for
10 veterans' affairs among state agencies and tribal entities can
11 be improved for greater efficiency;

12 B. review state statutes related to veterans' and
13 military affairs for consistency and potential conflict;

14 C. review the needs of veterans and the services
15 provided by federal, state and tribal governments to determine
16 if veterans' needs are being appropriately met; and

17 D. make recommendations for legislative initiatives
18 to address the findings of the committee; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the veterans' affairs
20 oversight committee develop recommendations by November 30,
21 2005 to assist the veterans' services department in formulating
22 legislative proposals necessary to implement its
23 recommendations; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services, the

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1 adjutant general of the department of military affairs and the
2 co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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