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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LIFETIME ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF SEX OFFENDERS.

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefits to society of knowing the whereabouts of convicted sex offenders, the state has implemented a registry of sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, keeping current on the location of a sex offender is not possible when the sex offender is permitted to move and only later notify local law enforcement officials of the move; and

WHEREAS, technology has improved to the extent that electronic monitoring of many convicted felons can be helpful for purposes of probation and parole; and

WHEREAS, electronic monitoring of sex offenders may be a

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1 wise financial and policy decision; and

2 WHEREAS, electronic monitoring may include global
3 positioning so that law enforcement officials can be aware at
4 all times of the location of a sex offender who is subject to
5 registration; and

6 WHEREAS, members of the public are better able to protect
7 themselves by knowing when a sex offender is in the
8 neighborhood and when law enforcement is better able to provide
9 current information by electronic monitoring;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of public safety and the
12 corrections department be requested to study the financial and
13 policy implications of instituting an electronic monitoring
14 system for convicted sex offenders, including the wisdom of
15 lifetime monitoring, the classes of sex offenders subject to
16 monitoring and the ability of the departments to monitor sex
17 offenders, and to submit a joint report of the study's findings
18 to the courts, corrections and justice committee at the
19 committee's October 2006 meeting; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretaries of public safety and
22 corrections.