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**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS TO  
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY AS A  
VARSITY SPORT.

WHEREAS, Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20  
USC, Sections 1681-1688, has caused disparities between men's  
and women's collegiate athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, women's ice hockey is gaining popularity  
throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, women's ice hockey has been an Olympic sport  
since the eighteenth winter Olympic games in Nagano, Japan, in  
1998; and

WHEREAS, there are currently limited opportunities for  
women attending New Mexico state university to play ice hockey;  
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1           WHEREAS, the Pan American center at New Mexico state  
2 university may provide a possible venue for ice hockey games;  
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4           WHEREAS, the addition of women's sports in a timely manner  
5 can reduce the likelihood of forcing the termination of other  
6 sports programs at a university; and

7           WHEREAS, the proportion of women students at New Mexico  
8 state university continues to be approximately fifty-six  
9 percent of the student body, and the feasibility of adding  
10 women's sports programs should be studied continually;

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of New Mexico state  
13 university be requested to study the feasibility of adapting  
14 the Pan American center to accommodate ice hockey games and to  
15 study the cost of establishing a division one women's ice  
16 hockey program, including a budget for the start-up and annual  
17 operating expenses of such a program, including recurring  
18 scholarships; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of regents of New  
20 Mexico state university report the results of this study no  
21 later than October 31, 2006 to the chief clerk of the senate;  
22 and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the president and board of regents of New Mexico  
25 state university.

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