

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
3 INTERIM DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE ON WHICH PUBLIC
4 MEMBERS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE.

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6 WHEREAS, legislation affecting persons with disabilities
7 runs the gamut from health concerns to business access and
8 from behavioral health difficulties to accommodations in the
9 schools; and

10 WHEREAS, many persons with disabilities are interested
11 in taking part in shaping the legislative agenda that shapes
12 their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, disabilities legislation and initiatives often
14 fall through the cracks because they do not completely reside
15 in any single topic, committee or law; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico has passed the Developmental
17 Disabilities Act and must comply with the federal Americans
18 with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

19 WHEREAS, inclusion of persons with disabilities in the
20 mainstream of New Mexico's political life will benefit all
21 those involved; and

22 WHEREAS, legislators have good reason to unify such a
23 broad focus area by bringing interested persons from many
24 fields and many legislative perspectives together;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
2 form an interim disabilities concerns committee composed of
3 four members of each house of the legislature, balanced as to
4 party affiliation, and other public members with disabilities
5 and expertise in disabilities law, health, education and
6 resources; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
9 council.

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