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## SENATE MEMORIAL 20

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# A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW AND REVISIT ITS PRACTICES REGARDING LICENSING OF OUT-OF-STATE FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS FOR PRODUCTION OF NEW MEXICO-STYLE FURNITURE.

WHEREAS, the museum of New Mexico collections are worldrenowned for their historic New Mexico furniture and furnishings; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe style of furniture has come into vogue, cresting in the same way that jewelry and functional pottery have come to dominate certain segments of the American and international commercial markets; and

WHEREAS, the cultural affairs department permits research in its collections, including those on archaeological studies, photographs, folk traditions and on conservation; and .176810.1

WHEREAS, the cultural affairs department has extended licenses to some producers of traditional furniture and furnishings; and

WHEREAS, licensing out-of-state producers to reproduce New Mexico furniture and other furnishings seems unnecessary given that there are so many talented local craftspeople; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico craftspeople need and should have priority for state funds in producing a traditional state product;

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

OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural affairs department be requested
to review and revisit its practice of licensing out-of-state
producers to produce New Mexico furniture and furnishings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cultural affairs

department be requested to consider giving priority to New

Mexico producers and other craftspeople who bid on contracts to

create reproductions of traditional products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs and to the governor.