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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
12	INTERIM DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE ON WHICH PUBLIC MEMBERS
13	MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE.
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15	WHEREAS, legislation affecting persons with disabilities
16	runs the gamut from health concerns to business access and from
17	behavioral health difficulties to accommodations in the
18	schools; and
19	WHEREAS, many persons with disabilities are interested in
20	taking part in shaping the legislative agenda that shapes their
21	lives; and
22	WHEREAS, disabilities legislation and initiatives often
23	fall through the cracks because they do not completely reside
24	in any single topic, committee or law; and
25	WHEREAS, New Mexico has passed the Developmental
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Disabilities Act and must comply with the federal Americans
 with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council form an interim disabilities concerns committee composed of four members of each house of the legislature, balanced as to party affiliation, and other public members with disabilities and expertise in disabilities law, health, education and resources; and

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

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