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REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR TO ALLOW
STATE AGENCIES TO SEEK PRO BONO AUDITING SERVICES.

WHEREAS, each state agency must pay for the costs of
complying with the state's auditing requirements; and

WHEREAS, many state agencies, particularly school
districts, have failed to comply with state audit requirements
due to the excessive financial burden; and

WHEREAS, a new multi-tiered auditing system was passed to
assist state agencies in meeting state auditing requirements;
and

WHEREAS, larger state agencies plan in their budgets for
the costs of auditing services; and

WHEREAS, many qualified certified public accountants are
willing to provide pro bono services to assist school districts

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1 and other state agencies to meet the state auditing
2 requirements; and

3 WHEREAS, many students working toward their master's in
4 business administration or certification as public accountants
5 are willing to assist certified public accountants to perform
6 audits solely in exchange for the experience; and

7 WHEREAS, pro bono auditing services will benefit the state
8 through savings and benefit certified public accountants and
9 students seeking a master's in business administration or
10 certification as public accountants with experience in auditing
11 state agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, the state is in an unprecedented fiscal
13 emergency;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the state auditor to work
16 with the governor to allow state agencies to seek pro bono
17 auditing services from certified public accountant
18 associations, individual certified public accountants and
19 students seeking a master's in business administration or
20 certification as a public accountant; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the state auditor and the governor.