

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION TO STUDY THE FORMATION OF SCIENCE TEAMS AT ALL STATE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico economy is highly reliant on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, including energy development, national laboratories, health care and high-technology companies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's economic development priorities call for expansion of science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields; and

WHEREAS, national labor market research predicts that the American work force will need one hundred twenty-three million workers for high-skill jobs by 2020, but only fifty million Americans are expected to qualify for them; and

WHEREAS, students must be encouraged to follow educational paths to fill the jobs that are being created in the science fields; and

WHEREAS, middle and high school athletics are important and New Mexicans are justifiably proud of their children's athletic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the creation of science teams in middle and high schools would be an important social incentive for students to stay involved in science fields; and

WHEREAS, statewide competitions would provide an opportunity for science teams to receive the recognition that athletic teams receive for their accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico activities association be requested to study the formation of science teams at all state middle and high schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico activities association be requested to prepare a report and present recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee by December 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the New Mexico activities association.