

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 146

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO STUDY THE
12 COSTS OF PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING MEMORIALS.

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14 WHEREAS, decades ago, the introduction of memorials was a
15 rare occurrence, carrying much significance and memorializing
16 prestigious members of New Mexico communities; and

17 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, the number of
18 memorials introduced has dramatically increased; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1997, just fifteen senate memorials were
20 introduced; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2017, with several days remaining in the
22 regular session, more than one hundred fifty-five senate
23 memorials have been introduced; and

24 WHEREAS, every day of a session, hours are spent
25 discussing and debating memorials that have no legal effect

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1 while pressing legislative issues go unaddressed; and

2 WHEREAS, many state resources, including time, money and
3 personnel, are expended in preparing, printing, introducing,
4 discussing and debating memorials in committee and on the floor
5 and, if they pass, which it seems nearly all of them do,
6 implementing the requested action; and

7 WHEREAS, while many introduced memorials suggest
8 implementation of a worthy study, a solution to a pressing
9 problem or the designation of a day worth recognizing, the full
10 costs to taxpayers of preparing and implementing memorials are
11 not known;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
14 requested to study the total cost to the state of the prolific
15 practice of preparing and implementing memorials; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study assess the time,
17 money, personnel and other resources expended each year to
18 prepare and implement memorials; and

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