

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 100

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
12 CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE
13 PER DIEM RATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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15 WHEREAS, the current per diem rate for public officers and
16 employees is ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) for nonsalaried
17 officials and eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) for employees per
18 day; and

19 WHEREAS, the per diem rate established by the federal
20 government for the city of Santa Fe for lodging is one hundred
21 twenty-three dollars (\$123) per day for fiscal year 2019; and

22 WHEREAS, the current state reimbursement for meals is
23 thirty dollars (\$30.00) a day in state compared with the
24 federal rate for meals of sixty-one dollars (\$61.00) per day;
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1 WHEREAS, the state per diem rate for public officers and
2 employees has not been changed since 2003, resulting in more
3 employees relying on the use of actual cost reimbursement;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and administration
6 be requested to convene a task force to study the feasibility
7 of increasing the per diem rate for public officers and
8 employees; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
10 representatives from New Mexico counties, the legislative
11 finance committee and the New Mexico municipal league; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
13 findings and recommendations to the legislative finance
14 committee by November 1, 2019; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration, the
17 director of the legislative finance committee, the executive
18 director of New Mexico counties and the president of the board
19 of directors of the New Mexico municipal league.