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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 19
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
INTERESTED PARTIES, TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
STATEWIDE MANDATORY COLLECTION OF EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

WHEREAS, the subject of statewide mandatory collection of
empty beverage containers has been considered by the legislature
in the recent past; and

WHEREAS, the subject of statewide mandatory collection of
empty beverage containers is controversial and raises numerous
issues, questions and concerns; and

WHEREAS, a full, complete and organized study of the
advantages, disadvantages and recommendations of the various
interests involved in the prospect of statewide mandatory
collection of empty beverage containers, including those state

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1 agencies that are anticipated to be involved should such a
2 program be adopted, would best serve the legislature's
3 consideration of this important topic; and

4 WHEREAS, it would be desirable if all affected and
5 interested parties could forge a consensus on how New Mexico
6 should proceed with a reasonable and effective program for the
7 collection of empty beverage containers; and

8 WHEREAS, the executive department could effectively
9 organize a study and involve the energy conservation and
10 management division of the energy, minerals and natural
11 resources department, the department of environment and the
12 taxation and revenue department as appropriate agencies
13 projected to be active in any statewide mandatory program for
14 the collection of empty beverage containers; and

15 WHEREAS, a study would benefit significantly with the full
16 participation by and involvement of those persons and entities,
17 including grocers, bottlers, recyclers and others, interested
18 and involved in this issue;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the executive branch, through the
21 energy conservation and management division of the energy,
22 minerals and natural resources department, the department of
23 environment, the taxation and revenue department and interested
24 persons and entities, including grocers, bottlers, recyclers and
25 any other environmental, retail, wholesale or other relevant

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1 interest, study and make recommendations by November 1, 1996 for
2 the adoption of a statewide mandatory program for the collection
3 of empty beverage containers; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council
5 designate an appropriate interim committee to hear
6 recommendations on a statewide mandatory collection of empty
7 beverage containers program and direct the interim committee to
8 report and make its recommendations to the first session of the
9 forty-third legislature; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
11 to the governor, the co-chairs of the legislative council, the
12 energy conservation and management division of the energy,
13 minerals and natural resources department, the department of
14 environment and the taxation and revenue department.

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