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2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO EVALUATE
12	THE HAZARD POSED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN BY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS.
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14	WHEREAS, state law requires school attendance by school age
15	children, and so the public schools should be child friendly;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, scientists do not currently agree on how to
18	interpret available information on electromagnetic fields; and
19	WHEREAS, some scientific studies indicate that extremely
20	low frequency electric fields do affect cells and tissue in
21	vitro; and
22	WHEREAS, studies show that chronic exposures of laboratory
23	animals to low frequency electronic fields elicit behavioral,
24	neurophysiological and endocrinological effects; and
25	WHEREAS, state environmental epidemiologists conclude that

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there may be an excess risk of cancer from exposure to power lines and by certain occupations; and

WHEREAS, seven states have established electromagnetic field exposure limits; and

WHEREAS, the American planning association has recommended "prudent avoidance" standards by communities; and

WHEREAS, the California public utility commission advised the state's utilities that it is reasonable to carry out no-cost and low-cost measures to reduce electromagnetic fields; and

WHEREAS, risks to school children include non-ionizing radiation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public education be requested to evaluate the degree of risks to public school children of electromagnetic fields and to develop standards for new school construction and mitigation of existing hazards in the schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public education report its findings and recommendations to the legislative education study committee by December 1, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the chairman and the director of the legislative education study committee and to the governor.

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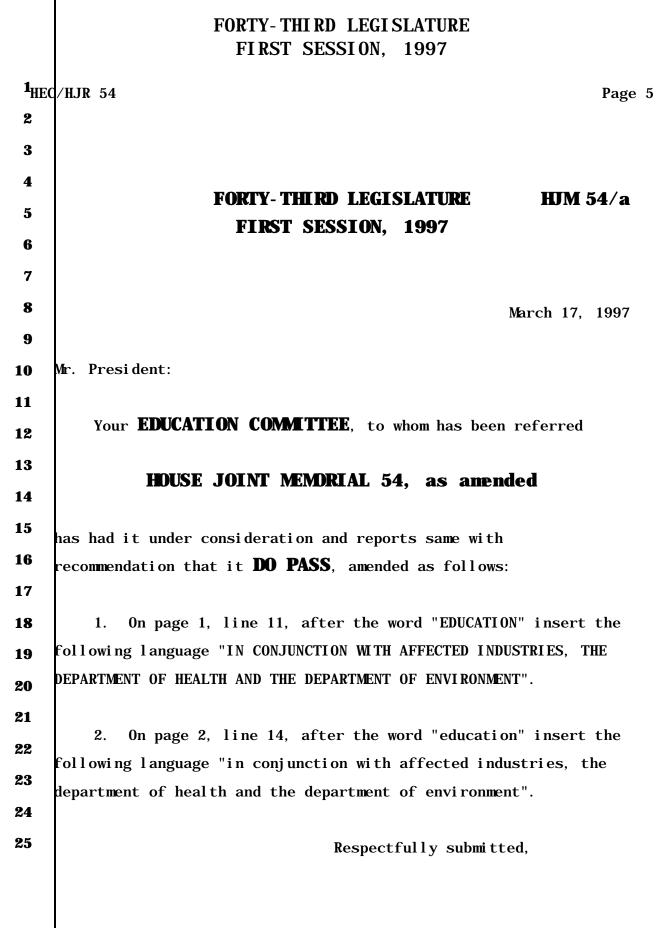
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3 4	March 20, 1997
5 6	Mr. President:
7 8 9	Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 54, as amended
10 11 12 13	has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS , amended as follows:
14 15	1. On page 2, line 15, strike "of" and insert in lieu thereof "from".
16 17 18	2. On page 2, line 15, strike "and to develop", strike line 16 in its entirety and on line 17, strike "hazards to the schools".
19 20 21	3. On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following new language:
22 23 24	"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ultimate jurisdiction must reside with the appropriate regulatory commission regarding electric utilities and telecommunication companies; and".
25	Respectfully submitted,

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