SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 61

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS TO BETTER MANAGE LEGISLATION INCLUDING PRE-FILING SYSTEMS, BILL INTRODUCTION LIMITS AND SCHEDULING OF BILL HEARINGS TO MORE EFFICIENTLY MANAGE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

WHEREAS, a record number of bills, one thousand three hundred in the senate and one thousand three hundred ninety-one in the house, were introduced during the first session of the forty-third legislature; and

WHEREAS, many states have procedural rules to streamline and expedite the consideration of legislative matters; and

WHEREAS, these procedural rules include variations on pre-filing requirements, limitations on the number of bills each member can introduce and time limits for bill introductions and

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1   bill hearings; and

2   WHEREAS, the legislature may wish to consider some of these

3   mechanisms to assist in more effectively deliberating on the

4   many complex issues that come before it;

5   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

6   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service study

7   alternative proposals to streamline the legislative process,

8   including pre-filing systems, bill introduction and hearing

9   limits and limitations on the number of bills a member may carry

10   to improve the quality of laws in New Mexico and to make the

11   legislative process more effective; and

12   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council service

13   report its findings and recommendations to the New Mexico

14   legislative council by December 1, 1997; and

15   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

16   transmitted to the co-chairmen of the New Mexico legislative

17   council and the director of the legislative council service.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick Miera, Chairman

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Adopted _____   Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was _5_ For _0_ Against

Yes: 5

Excused: Foy, Gentry, Marquardt

Absent: None

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