SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 70

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED PROCUREMENT PROGRAM AND LIGHT FIXTURE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND THE FRUGAL MANAGEMENT OF STATE ENERGY BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, the first energy crisis hit the United States with the oil embargo of 1973; and

WHEREAS, another energy crisis occurred in 1979-1980 when the price of energy again increased dramatically, contributing to the severe recession of 1984; and

WHEREAS, state and federal efforts have been made intermittently since these events to better manage energy systems and costs to use energy more efficiently and frugally; and

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1   WHEREAS, one of the areas in which we could relatively

2   easily address energy savings is the use of lighting in state

3   office buildings; and

4   WHEREAS, energy-efficient light fixtures are available that

5   can reduce energy use by as much as seventy percent and reduce

6   negative environmental impacts associated with energy

7   generation;

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

9   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the general services department be

10   requested, in cooperation with other property management

11   agencies of state government, to develop a program of replacing

12   fluorescent lights in state buildings with energy-efficient

13   light systems, including specular reflectors, electronic

14   ballasts, T-8 lamps and reverse prism acrylic lenses; and

15   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services department

16   report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate

17   interim committee of the legislature by December 1, 1997; and

18   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

19   transmitted to the secretary of general services.

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