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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 43

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

BEN D. ALTAMIRANO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO  
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF MOVING THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR TO  
THE WEST MESA OF ALBUQUERQUE IN BERNALILLO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state fair is presently located  
in the heart of residential neighborhoods in central  
Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the state fair is a major attraction, drawing  
record numbers of attendees every year, providing a vital  
economic stimulus to the city and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the large crowds, nevertheless, place a strain  
on adjacent residential neighborhoods due to inadequate  
parking, traffic congestion and disruption of peaceful  
community activities; and

WHEREAS, the aging physical structures need continuing

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1 maintenance and upgrades that incur large expenses on the  
2 revenues to the state fair, almost equal to costs of  
3 constructing new facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, the popularity of the state fair has generated  
5 interest in expansion of exhibits, events and special  
6 appearances, and more space is needed to accommodate and  
7 capitalize on opportunities to expand and enlarge the fair's  
8 activities and attendance;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and  
11 administration be requested to study the feasibility of  
12 relocating the New Mexico state fair to the west mesa of  
13 Albuquerque in Bernalillo county and report its findings and  
14 recommendations to the appropriate legislative committee by  
15 December 1, 1998; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city of Albuquerque, the  
17 state fair commission, the economic development department and  
18 the New Mexico department of agriculture cooperate with the  
19 department of finance and administration in its study; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration,  
22 the secretary of economic development, the director of the New  
23 Mexico department of agriculture and the state fair  
24 commi ssi on.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your FINANCE COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Carraro, Eisenstadt, Ingle, Lyons, McKibben

Absent: None

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