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1 and responsibilities in an ever-changing world, the  
2 legislature has created a number of permanent interim  
3 committees, temporary task- or issues-oriented interim  
4 committees, short- and long-term oversight committees and  
5 standing committees that function during the session; and

6 WHEREAS, the increasing number of interim committees  
7 created by the legislature in recent years has often led to  
8 duplication and inefficient and ineffective use of legislative  
9 staff;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
12 requested to review and study the roles, responsibilities,  
13 functions, structure and organization of the committee process  
14 and the necessary staff support for this process; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
16 council review the standing, statutory and legislative council-  
17 created interim committees to identify opportunities to more  
18 effectively structure and organize their work and  
19 responsibilities; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
21 council review the roles, functions and organization of the  
22 staff required to support the work of the committees in  
23 carrying out their legislative responsibilities, including the  
24 technical expertise needed; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative

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1 council conduct a review of the organization of the legislative  
2 committee process and its support staff in other states, and  
3 identify options regarding effective and efficient committee  
4 roles, responsibilities, organization and structures, the  
5 adequacy of the staff and the optimum staffing structure,  
6 organization and functions; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
8 council solicit input from the members of the legislature and  
9 the various legislative staff; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative  
11 council report its findings and recommendations to the second  
12 session of the forty-fifth legislature.