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1 universities; and

2 WHEREAS, the program currently provides tuition assistance
3 to recent high school graduates and veterans who enlisted in
4 the armed services after graduation and are now returning to
5 New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the scholarship program is based on students'
7 academic merit, requiring that students maintain a 2.5 grade
8 point average with a course load of at least twelve credit
9 hours; and

10 WHEREAS, at least twelve bills have been introduced this
11 year for the legislature to change the lottery tuition
12 scholarship program, some of which expand the purpose of the
13 scholarship from tuition to other expenses, some of which
14 propose changing the program from a merit program to a needs-
15 based program and some of which propose opening the program to
16 more people and types of institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, arguably, that many proposals on a single topic
18 may mean that there is not yet a consensus in the legislature
19 on how the program should be designed;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
22 requested to appoint an interim legislative committee to study
23 the lottery tuition scholarship program and make
24 recommendations to the legislative council by December 15,
25 2005; and

