

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 69

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE
12 BENEFITS OF CHARGING NONRESIDENT AND RESIDENT COLLEGE STUDENTS
13 A UNIFORM TUITION RATE.

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15 WHEREAS, public colleges and universities across the
16 country traditionally charge a higher tuition to students who
17 are not residents of the state in which the college or
18 university is located; and

19 WHEREAS, the public colleges and universities in New
20 Mexico follow that same practice; and

21 WHEREAS, changing the practice in New Mexico so that a
22 uniform tuition rate is charged to all students, regardless of
23 residency, may have several benefits, including drawing a more
24 diverse student population to the state's institutions of
25 higher education and firmly establishing New Mexico and its

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1 higher education community as welcoming environments for people
2 who wish to expand their educational opportunities;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher education department, in
5 conjunction with representatives of each of New Mexico's public
6 institutions of higher education, be requested to study the
7 potential benefits and the feasibility of charging a uniform
8 tuition rate and that the department report its findings to the
9 legislative education study committee during the 2006 interim;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
13 presidents of each of New Mexico's public institutions of
14 higher education.