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SENATE MEMORIAL 50

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ADJUSTING AND ESTABLISHING TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND PENALTIES TO REDUCE THE INCIDENTS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages is a persistent problem in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages frequently occurs in conjunction with driving while intoxicated, sadly resulting in the death or serious injury of underage drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, over the years the legislature has created programs and appropriated money to various agencies to prevent alcohol abuse and driving while intoxicated, including programs and money aimed at underage consumption of alcohol under the DWI program fund, the Local DWI Grant Program Act and the

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1 Family and Youth Resource Act;  
2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative committee that  
4 studies corrections issues study how underage consumption of  
5 alcoholic beverages is currently being addressed by the  
6 department of health; the children, youth and families  
7 department; the traffic safety bureau of the department of  
8 transportation; the courts; and other agencies receiving  
9 alcohol-abuse-related appropriations and make recommendations  
10 to the first session of the forty-eighth legislature about what  
11 education or treatment programs, additional penalties or  
12 combination of education, treatment and penalties may be  
13 appropriate to be put in place by the legislature to reduce the  
14 incidents of underage consumption of alcoholic beverages and  
15 driving while intoxicated; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
18 council.