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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONVENE AN INTERAGENCY SPECIAL
FINANCIAL AUDIT TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO THE
MISUSE AND ABUSE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES AND OTHER FINANCIAL
IMPROPRIETIES.

WHEREAS, the residents of New Mexico are entitled to the
honest and efficient operation of government and provision of
public services; and

WHEREAS, misuse and abuse of public financial resources
do not always constitute criminal acts but do violate the
public trust and drain dollars from the state treasury; and

WHEREAS, audits and financial examinations into misuse,
abuse and other financial improprieties in public service
should be pursued as vigorously as criminal violations and can
be enhanced through systemic reforms and more formal

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1 communications that can result from a coordinated interagency
2 effort; and

3 WHEREAS, correcting misuse, abuse and other financial
4 improprieties can help restore the public's trust in
5 government and save tax dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, the state auditor is charged with conducting
7 special audits in addition to regular, annual audits of public
8 entities;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state auditor be requested to
11 convene a special financial audit task force and that the
12 state auditor be requested to invite the attorney general, the
13 United States attorney for the district of New Mexico, federal
14 law enforcement agencies, the taxation and revenue department,
15 executive oversight agencies, district attorneys and other
16 local law enforcement agencies as the state auditor deems
17 appropriate to participate in the task force; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state auditor be
19 requested to report by November 15, 2007 to the legislature
20 through the legislative finance committee and other
21 appropriate legislative interim committees on the task force's
22 work; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 delivered to the state auditor.

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