

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF OPTIONS FOR CREATING GREATER  
TRANSPARENCY IN STATE GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING AN ACCESSIBLE,  
SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF STATE BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, transparency in state government is important  
to good governance; and

WHEREAS, state taxpayers are entitled to know how state  
tax revenue is being expended; and

WHEREAS, technology already exists that would allow the  
state to provide an easily accessible and searchable database  
that displays the state budget and appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the legislature to  
understand the various options available to achieve the goal  
of budget transparency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
of finance and administration, the department of information  
technology, and the legislative finance committee study  
various means available to create an easily accessible,  
searchable database that displays the state budget and  
appropriations for each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include an  
analysis of the pros and cons of the various options, and the  
costs related to each option; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study, when complete, be presented to appropriate legislative interim committees by November 1, 2009 and that a copy be submitted to the library of the legislative council service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration and the secretary of information technology.