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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT BOARD TO  
PREPARE SOLVENCY PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE  
RETIREMENT PLANS WILL BE FULLY SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT CURRENT  
AND FUTURE RETIREES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico public employees provide vital  
services to the state, its political subdivisions and its  
residents; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and attractive retirement plan is a key  
ingredient in attracting and maintaining a work force of  
dedicated public servants; and

WHEREAS, vested members of the state retirement systems  
have a property right with due process protections under the  
constitution of New Mexico; and

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1           WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico also requires that  
2 the state maintain the actuarial soundness of the state  
3 retirement systems; and

4           WHEREAS, the national and worldwide financial crisis and  
5 the resulting downturn in markets have seriously affected the  
6 corpus of New Mexico's retirement funds; and

7           WHEREAS, public employees, retirees and state and local  
8 policymakers need assurances that the state retirement plans  
9 are now, and in the future will be, fully funded and capable of  
10 meeting all current and future obligations;

11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the retirement board of the public  
13 employees retirement association and the educational retirement  
14 board each prepare a solvency plan for its retirement system;  
15 and

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the solvency plans include  
17 analyses and recommendations that address:

- 18           A. employer and employee contributions;
- 19           B. retirement eligibility;
- 20           C. the number of retirement plans;
- 21           D. retirement benefits;
- 22           E. investment policy and asset allocation;
- 23           F. disability retirement and benefits;
- 24           G. actuarial assumptions; and
- 25           H. member services; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the solvency plans and  
2 recommendations be submitted, no later than October 1, 2009, to  
3 the interim investments and pensions oversight committee, the  
4 legislative finance committee and the governor; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the retirement board of the public employees  
7 retirement association and to the educational retirement board.

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