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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION
MAKE A PRESENTATION EVERY YEAR TO THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico judicial standards commission is
responsible for handling all complaints of misconduct by
members of the New Mexico judiciary; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the New Mexico judicial standards
commission was the fourth busiest judicial disciplinary agency
in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number and severity of complaints to the New
Mexico judicial standards commission are at historically high
levels; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has a responsibility to allocate
resources to the judiciary; and

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WHEREAS, the legislative interim courts, corrections and justice committee has not had a presentation from the New Mexico judicial standards commission staff in over five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico judicial standards committee be requested to make a presentation every year on the status of judicial discipline in the state to the legislative interim courts, corrections and justice committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico judicial standards commission.