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SENATE MEMORIAL 7

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING ALL AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO POST ANNUAL REPORTS AND REPORTS OF MEMORIALS ON-LINE AND TO PRINT AND MAIL COPIES OF REPORTS ONLY ON SPECIFIC REQUEST.

WHEREAS, the challenges of a recessionary economy provide opportunities to trim costs and contribute to protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, during this session of the legislature, the state is challenged to identify significant savings in state spending; and

WHEREAS, one activity generating inestimable expense in which the state continually engages is the printing and distribution of annual reports and reports of memorials to all one hundred twelve members of the legislature and others; and

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1 WHEREAS, although Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978 states "no
2 state agency shall submit or send to the members of the
3 legislature any material other than proposed legislation in
4 excess of five pages", this law is routinely ignored; and

5 WHEREAS, most legislators communicate regularly via email,
6 and many of them prefer receiving information electronically;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978 includes provisions
9 that allow a state agency to provide reports and other material
10 to a legislator utilizing print media upon the direct request
11 of the legislator; and

12 WHEREAS, nothing in this memorial is seeking to limit the
13 ability of an individual legislator to request and receive
14 print copies of annual reports and reports of memorials; and

15 WHEREAS, state agencies seeking to identify opportunities
16 to trim state budgets in response to this current budget crisis
17 should realize significant savings by the elimination of
18 printing multiple copies of annual reports and reports of
19 memorials; and

20 WHEREAS, although some state agencies effectively use the
21 agency's web site to post annual reports and reports of
22 memorials, many do not; and

23 WHEREAS, any and all efforts to reduce the unnecessary
24 printing and mailing of annual reports and reports of memorials
25 serve the purpose of reducing expenditures, protecting the

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1 environment and complying with existing state law;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that all agencies, commissions and boards of
4 state government be requested to post annual reports and
5 reports of memorials on-line and to print and mail copies of
6 reports only on specific request; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies review
8 Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978 and commit to complying with that
9 law by utilizing electronic media wherever possible; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of information
11 technology be requested to develop a specific page on its web
12 site with links to all annual reports and reports of memorials
13 generated by all state agencies, commissions and boards; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted electronically to the heads of all state agencies,
16 commissions and boards and the governor.