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SENATE MEMORIAL 64

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW AND SUMMARIZE
AVAILABLE LITERATURE ON THE EFFECTS OF CELL PHONE RADIATION ON
HUMAN HEALTH AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER INFORMATIONAL
PROTECTIVE WARNINGS ARE NEEDED TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH.

WHEREAS, there are no federal regulatory safety standards
for nonthermal effects from radiation emissions from cell
phones; and

WHEREAS, the federal communications commission was
established by the federal Communications Act of 1934 and is
charged with regulating interstate and international
communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable;
and

WHEREAS, the commission has stressed repeatedly that it is
not a health and safety agency; and

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1 WHEREAS, the commission does not review radiation-emitting
2 consumer products such as cell phones to ensure the safety of
3 levels of radiation before they can be marketed; and

4 WHEREAS, there is no federally approved national standard
5 for safe levels of exposure to radio-frequency energy; and

6 WHEREAS, many cell phone operator manuals include a
7 warning limiting the proximity of their devices from the
8 abdomens of pregnant women and the lower abdomens of teenagers;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, cell phone operator manuals also often include
11 recommendations that persons holding lengthy conversations use
12 conventional phones; and

13 WHEREAS, some studies have raised concerns about cancer
14 and its relationship to cell phone usage; and

15 WHEREAS, in some cases, vast discrepancies exist in study
16 conclusions between industry-funded and independently funded
17 research;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested to
20 study and review all available literature and reports on the
21 effects of cell phone radiation and, in particular, nonthermal
22 effects of cell phone radiation on human health; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study make recommendations
24 on whether informational protective warnings regarding cell
25 phone use are needed to protect human health; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health
2 provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the
3 interim legislative health and human services committee by
4 November 1, 2011; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretary of health.

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