

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
3 CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING
4 THE PER DIEM RATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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6 WHEREAS, the current per diem rate for public officers
7 and employees is ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) for nonsalaried
8 officials and eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) for employees per
9 day; and

10 WHEREAS, the per diem rate established by the federal
11 government for the city of Santa Fe for lodging is one
12 hundred twenty-three dollars (\$123) per day for fiscal year
13 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, the current state reimbursement for meals is
15 thirty dollars (\$30.00) a day in state compared with the
16 federal rate for meals of sixty-one dollars (\$61.00) per day;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the state per diem rate for public officers and
19 employees has not been changed since 2003, resulting in more
20 employees relying on the use of actual cost reimbursement;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and
23 administration be requested to convene a task force to study
24 the feasibility of increasing the per diem rate for public
25 officers and employees; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed
2 of representatives from New Mexico counties, the legislative
3 finance committee and the New Mexico municipal league; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
5 findings and recommendations to the legislative finance
6 committee by November 1, 2019; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration,
9 the director of the legislative finance committee, the
10 executive director of New Mexico counties and the president of
11 the board of directors of the New Mexico municipal
12 league. _____

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