

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 54

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

GAIL C. BEAM

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO EVALUATE
THE HAZARD POSED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN BY ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS.

WHEREAS, state law requires school attendance by school age children, and so the public schools should be child friendly;
and

WHEREAS, scientists do not currently agree on how to interpret available information on electromagnetic fields; and

WHEREAS, some scientific studies indicate that extremely low frequency electric fields do affect cells and tissue in vitro; and

WHEREAS, studies show that chronic exposures of laboratory animals to low frequency electronic fields elicit behavioral, neurophysiological and endocrinological effects; and

WHEREAS, state environmental epidemiologists conclude that

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1 there may be an excess risk of cancer from exposure to power
2 lines and by certain occupations; and

3 WHEREAS, seven states have established electromagnetic
4 field exposure limits; and

5 WHEREAS, the American planning association has recommended
6 "prudent avoidance" standards by communities; and

7 WHEREAS, the California public utility commission advised
8 the state's utilities that it is reasonable to carry out no-cost
9 and low-cost measures to reduce electromagnetic fields; and

10 WHEREAS, risks to school children include non-ionizing
11 radiation;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
14 education be requested to evaluate the degree of risks to public
15 school children of electromagnetic fields and to develop
16 standards for new school construction and mitigation of existing
17 hazards in the schools; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public
19 education report its findings and recommendations to the
20 legislative education study committee by December 1, 1998; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the
23 chairman and the director of the legislative education study
24 committee and to the governor.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: McSherry, Nicely, Trujillo, S.M Williams

Absent: None

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10 Mr. President:

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Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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1. On page 1, line 11, after the word "EDUCATION" insert the following language "IN CONJUNCTION WITH AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT".

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2. On page 2, line 14, after the word "education" insert the following language "in conjunction with affected industries, the department of health and the department of environment".

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Yes: 5

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No: Rawson

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Excused: Boitano, Duran, Garcia, Gorham

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Absent: None

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4 March 20, 1997

5 Mr. President:

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7 Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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9 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 54, as amended

10 has had it under consideration and reports same with
11 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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13 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "of" and insert in lieu thereof
14 "from".

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16 2. On page 2, line 15, strike "and to develop", strike line
17 16 in its entirety and on line 17, strike "hazards to the
18 schools".

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20 3. On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following
21 new language:

22 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ultimate jurisdiction must
23 reside with the appropriate regulatory commission regarding
24 electric utilities and telecommunication companies; and".

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Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Griego, Lyons, Macias, Tsosie

Absent: None

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