

Proposition: 12-18/19

Title: A Memorial in Support of NM State Senate Joint Resolutions 5,6,7: Reforming Boards of Regents in New Mexico

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Proposed Committee: Emergency Legislation

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals: N/A

Proposal:

This is a memorial in support of NM State Senate Joint Resolutions (SJR) 5, 6 & 7 to reform the composition, selection and terms of Boards of Regents in New Mexico.

Rationale:

This proposal is in support of legislation pre-filed for the 2019 54th New Mexico legislative session that proposes Constitutional changes to reform Boards of Regents of New Mexico institutions of higher education. Specifically, these legislative proposals include:

- [Senate Joint Resolution 5](#): To provide for four-year terms for all nonstudent members of Boards of Regents.
- [Senate Joint Resolution 6](#): To provide for nominating committees for all appointed and reappointed members of Boards of Regents.
- [Senate Joint Resolution 7](#): To increase and make uniform the number of members of Boards of Regents and to decrease their terms in office.

The NMSU Faculty Senate supports these proposed amendments to the NM Constitution to provide parity and transparency to the process and governance of NMSU.

Also, although the NM Senate Bills do not state specifically note that one of the members of the various Boards of Regents is a faculty member from the relevant institution, the NMSU Faculty Senate does support revisions to these bills that would specifically note that one of the members of various Boards of Regents is a faculty member from the relevant university.