



American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet

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Cut Funding of Space Port

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For many years New Mexico has given continuous effort to compete in the "new space

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age", however, these efforts have fallen short in the growing industry and

1 have not proven profitable to the state. In 2017 alone, approximately \$5.4 million was
2 funded by lawmakers in revenues of New Mexico Spaceport Authority with only 600 tickets
3 sold in the past 7 years with no flight to date. The Spaceport has come to rely on tourism to
4 meet funding demands, disengaging the sole purpose of Virgin Galactic "commercial flight",
5 making the Space port a futuristic attraction rather than a functioning facility for space
6 exploration. The mass amounts of money being taken away from taxpayers is also adding
7 to the worsening poverty levels of surrounding counties.

8 The New Mexico Spaceport does not offer the same optimistic outlook as when it first
9 opened. The facility sucks up resources generating \$470,000 of funding annually and then
10 furthering their demands of nearly \$2.35 million for "shortfall of revenue". While this may
11 sound reasonable, these numbers are crushing to the state of New Mexico, rated one of
12 the poorest states nationwide. The state cannot afford to fund a program that does not
13 generate an adequate income. The promise of a boosted economy has failed and the
14 Spaceport only receives money rather than investing back into the community. With the
15 state nearly \$3.6 billion in debt, money must be managed appropriately and wisely, neither
16 of which is not being done in the investment of the New Mexico Spaceport.

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18 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
19 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

20 Default Start - This section to be used as written.

