SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8	
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND S	SESSION, 2002
INTRODUCED BY	
Ben D. Altamirano	
A JOINT MEMORIAL	
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A T.	ASK FORCE TO
DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF EDUCATIO	N, AWARENESS
AND SUPPORT GROUPS CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PROSTA	TE CANCER.
WHEREAS, approximately one thousand two hund	lred New
Mexico men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer	each year;
and	
WHEREAS, nearly two hundred New Mexico men w	ill die every
year from this disease; and	
WHEREAS, the risk of being diagnosed with pr	ostate cancer
is highest among the older adult male population;	and
WHEREAS, twenty-five-year time trends provid	led by the New
Mexico tumor registry show a pattern of rising in	cidence of
and mortality due to prostate cancer; and	
WHEREAS, prostate cancer is second only to l	ung cancer as
the most common cancer killer of men; and	
WHEREAS, efforts toward education of New Mex	ico men about
prostate cancer and support for the men in this s	tate with the
disease are in their infancy;	
.139963.1	

<u>underscored material = new</u> [bracketed material] = delete

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE 1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested 2 to create a task force that includes representatives from the 3 American cancer society and the prostate cancer support 4 association of New Mexico, health care practitioners and 5 others to develop a plan to implement a program of education, 6 awareness and support groups concerning the issue of prostate 7 cancer in New Mexico; and 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present its 9 plan and recommendations to the appropriate legislative 10 committee by October 2002; and 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be 12 transmitted to the department of health. 13 - 2 -14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

.139963.1

underscored material = new [bracketed material] = delete