

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 39

2 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING HISPANIC PARTICIPATION ON STATE EXECUTIVE EDUCATION
12 COMMITTEES AND REQUESTING POLICY SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE
13 EDUCATION OF HISPANIC STUDENTS.

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15 WHEREAS, the public school system of New Mexico is over
16 fifty-three percent Hispanic; and

17 WHEREAS, the achievement gap of Hispanic students
18 continues at an unacceptably high rate; and

19 WHEREAS, college attendance rates are low, resulting from
20 the inadequate preparation of Hispanics at the pre-kindergarten
21 through grade twelve level; and

22 WHEREAS, this poor educational profile has implications
23 for the economic future of the state; and

24 WHEREAS, it is clear that barriers to the educational
25 success of Hispanic students continue to exist;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department and
3 the higher education department be encouraged to include ENLACE
4 New Mexico representatives on their committees to ensure that
5 the educational issues of Hispanic students are being
6 considered; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ENLACE New Mexico, Somos un
8 Pueblo Unido and El Centro de la Raza work during the interim
9 to make recommendations to the legislative education study
10 committee for policy changes that will remove barriers to the
11 education of Hispanic students across the educational pathway,
12 pre-kindergarten through college in New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretaries of public education and higher
15 education, ENLACE New Mexico, Somos un Pueblo Unido and El
16 Centro de la Raza.