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HOUSE MEMORIAL 113  
**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO  
PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON CURRENT RESEARCH AND  
FUTURE TRENDS IN STEM CELL HARVESTING AND USE.

WHEREAS, a great deal of debate regarding stem cell  
research is taking place in congress and in legislative bodies  
throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is also involved in discussions and  
debate about the appropriate direction to take regarding stem  
cell research; and

WHEREAS, there is great interest among legislators in  
understanding the developing field of stem cell research and  
its clinical applications; and

WHEREAS, legislators are being asked to understand the  
moral, ethical and scientific principles underlying the use of  
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1 stem cells, from various sources, in research and for clinical  
2 applications and to determine how to appropriately guide New  
3 Mexico's future participation in the area of stem cell use; and

4 WHEREAS, it is necessary that legislators be more fully  
5 informed on the procedures, use and potential benefits or  
6 detriments of stem cell use before making a decision that will  
7 determine the sources of stem cells and the manner in which  
8 stem cells may be used in clinical and research applications in  
9 New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, it is necessary for legislators to be aware of  
11 the current status of stem cell use and research, the trends in  
12 research, the probable outcomes from stem cell research and the  
13 clinical trials and uses of stem cells that are currently in  
14 process or being planned;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
17 of health be requested to study the laws currently in place  
18 regarding stem cell harvesting and use and to review further  
19 stem cell research, including the empirical scientific research  
20 that has produced conclusive results in animal trials and the  
21 research conducted on various sources of stem cells, such as  
22 stem cells from adults, amniotic fluid, umbilical cords or  
23 other sources, as well as from embryonic sources; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health  
25 report to the interim legislative health and human services

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1 committee no later than October 2008 on the findings of the  
2 study so that the information available to legislators  
3 regarding stem cell research and clinical trials prior to the  
4 first session of the forty-ninth legislature is the most up-to-  
5 date information available and provides insight into trends and  
6 developments in stem cell research and clinical applications;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the department of health and the director of the  
10 university of New Mexico health sciences center.