

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 39

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION OF
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A THREE- TO FIVE-YEAR PLAN
13 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PERSONS ON THE DIVISION'S DEVELOPMENTAL
14 DISABILITIES WAIVER WAITING LIST.

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16 WHEREAS, the home and community-based developmental
17 disabilities waiver has been operational since the 1980s; and

18 WHEREAS, the developmental disabilities waiver is
19 currently serving approximately three thousand eight hundred
20 persons with developmental disabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, over five thousand children and adults with
22 developmental disabilities are on the division's developmental
23 disabilities waiver central registry waiting for services; and

24 WHEREAS, the central registry, commonly known as the
25 "waiting list", is projected to grow to nearly eight thousand

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1 persons by 2016 if the current rate of growth continues;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the developmental disabilities
4 supports division of the department of health be requested to
5 develop a three- to five-year plan to meet the needs of persons
6 on the division's waiver central registry; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include:

8 A. the number of persons who are on the central
9 registry and not yet receiving waiver services, by age, county
10 of residence and years on the central registry;

11 B. an estimate of the costs of providing support
12 and services to persons who are eligible for services but not
13 yet receiving them; and

14 C. a target for the number of persons to be moved
15 from the central registry into services over the three- to
16 five-year period and the amount of new state funding needed
17 each year to meet the target; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the division include
19 stakeholder engagement and participation in the development of
20 the plan; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the division report the plan
22 to the interim legislative health and human services committee
23 and the legislative finance committee by November 1, 2012; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the developmental disabilities supports division

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