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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHANCELLOR FOR HEALTH SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO CONVENE A HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a persistent shortage of health care providers, especially in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that by 2030, thirty-three percent of the New Mexico population will be over sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, data show that individuals over sixty years of age use more health care services than individuals under sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act could provide health insurance to as many as three hundred thousand more New Mexicans than are currently insured; and

WHEREAS, individuals with newfound access to health insurance are expected to begin using more health care services; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that between 2013 and 2020, New Mexico will receive about six billion dollars (\$6,000,000,000) of additional federal funding as a direct

1 result of the federal act, which will result in as much as
2 one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in additional tax
3 revenue; and

4 WHEREAS, health care represents one-sixth of the
5 New Mexico economy, and it is the sector with the largest
6 projected growth;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the chancellor for health sciences
9 at the university of New Mexico be requested to convene a
10 health care work force working group with membership drawn
11 from the department of health, the human services department,
12 the legislative finance committee, the economic development
13 department, the leadership of the legislative health and
14 human services committee, the New Mexico health policy
15 commission and a representative of an institution of higher
16 education engaged in health care work force training that is
17 not a part of the university of New Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of each house
19 of the legislature be requested to appoint the legislative
20 members of the working group; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
22 working group be requested to meet monthly from April through
23 September 2014; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies, the
25 legislative finance committee and the legislative council

1 service be requested to provide staff to the health care work
2 force working group as appropriate to carry out the work of
3 the health care work force working group; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
5 working group create advisory groups made up of
6 representatives from consumer advocacy organizations; health
7 care provider organizations, including hospitals; health
8 professional recruiters; institutions that train health care
9 providers; Native American nations, tribes and pueblos; and
10 organizations representing traditionally underserved
11 populations; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
13 working group be requested to receive input and
14 recommendations from the public and from advisory groups for
15 consideration and that the health care work force working
16 group present to the governor and the legislature
17 recommendations and proposed action steps for administrative,
18 legislative, regulatory, operational and financial
19 initiatives necessary to develop the health care work force;
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
22 working group be requested to make recommendations regarding
23 capturing revenue generated from the federal funds related to
24 the expansion of the state's medicaid program and subsidies
25 for the purchase of health insurance through the New Mexico

1 health insurance exchange; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
3 working group be requested to make recommendations on how
4 available revenue can be used to expand the health care work
5 force; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
7 working group be requested to review the effectiveness of
8 existing tax incentives aimed at developing and maintaining
9 the state's health care work force and make recommendations
10 on how those credits may be revised or redirected; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care work force
12 working group present its recommendations to the governor,
13 the legislative finance committee and the legislative health
14 and human services committee by October 1, 2014; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of
17 representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate, the
18 executive director of the New Mexico health policy
19 commission, the chair and vice chair of the legislative
20 finance committee, the chair and vice chair of the
21 legislative health and human services committee, the
22 chancellor for health sciences at the university of
23 New Mexico, the secretary of health, the secretary of human
24 services and the secretary of economic development. _____