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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO STUDY THE FUNDING IMPACT OF, AND TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING, THE MANNER IN WHICH THE STATE'S
SHARE OF MEDICAID AND INDIGENT CARE IS FUNDED.

WHEREAS, medicaid is a joint state-federal safety net
program for which states and the federal government share the
cost of providing health care services to low-income and
disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, the federal government provides broad guidelines
to states regarding permissible funding sources for the state
share of medicaid expenditures; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties contribute an amount
equivalent to a gross receipts tax of one-sixteenth percent to
the county-supported medicaid fund to support the state's

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1 medicaid program; and

2 WHEREAS, 2014 changes to the Indigent Hospital and County
3 Health Care Act require counties to dedicate and transfer an
4 amount equivalent to a gross receipts tax of one-twelfth
5 percent to the safety net care pool fund for the state share of
6 medicaid; and

7 WHEREAS, members of the public and policymakers would
8 benefit from an analysis of New Mexico's current medicaid
9 funding policy, particularly as it affects counties, hospitals
10 and individual taxpayers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of human services be requested
13 to convene a task force to include representatives of the New
14 Mexico association of counties, the New Mexico hospital
15 association, the legislative finance committee and the human
16 services department to conduct an analysis of the impact of the
17 state's current medicaid and indigent care funding policy on
18 counties, hospitals and individual taxpayers; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for state fiscal years 2013
20 and 2014, the task force be requested to determine:

21 A. the poverty rate and local medicaid spending per
22 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of personal income by county;

23 B. the median household income and local medicaid
24 spending per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of personal income
25 by county;

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1 C. medicaid costs paid via local taxes by county of
2 residence and income; and

3 D. medicaid costs paid via local taxes by county of
4 residence and home value; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
6 compare New Mexico's local share of medicaid and indigent care
7 requirements to those of other states for fiscal years 2013 and
8 2014; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
10 develop recommendations regarding the way in which the state
11 share of New Mexico's medicaid program and indigent care is
12 funded; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present its
14 findings and recommendations to the legislative finance
15 committee and the legislative health and human services
16 committee by August 2016; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of human services, the executive
19 director of the New Mexico association of counties, the
20 president of th New Mexico hospital association and the
21 director of the legislative finance committee.