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**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION DURING  
TRAINING PERIODS OF APPRENTICESHIP-RELATED INSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, skilled laborers and apprentices contribute to  
the overall economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, approximately one hundred forty-seven apprentices  
participate in apprenticeship-related instruction programs that  
require daytime training periods; and

WHEREAS, during the daytime training periods, apprentices  
are not paid and are ineligible for unemployment benefits; and

WHEREAS, the lack of compensation and ineligibility for  
unemployment benefits is a significant financial burden for  
participants; and

WHEREAS, the lack of compensation and ineligibility for

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1 unemployment benefits during daytime training periods causes  
2 some participants in apprenticeship-related instruction  
3 programs to miss training sessions or drop out of the program  
4 entirely;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of workforce solutions  
7 be requested to convene a working group of representatives from  
8 the workforce solutions department, the joint apprenticeship  
9 training committee and the building trades unions to discuss  
10 unemployment compensation during training periods of  
11 apprenticeship-related instruction; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be requested  
13 to make a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
14 appropriate interim committee that studies issues pertaining to  
15 economic and rural development; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the secretary of workforce solutions and the  
18 chair of the appropriate interim committee that studies issues  
19 pertaining to economic and rural development.