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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES TO AMPUTATION AND EDUCATION
IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and prevention reports that twenty-three million Americans suffered from diabetes in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the American diabetes association reports that diabetes and prediabetes expenditures amount to two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) per year; and

WHEREAS, peripheral arterial disease, which diabetics have an increased risk of developing, is a fatty plaque blockage of blood vessels; and

WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and prevention recognizes limb amputation as a procedure to combat peripheral arterial disease; and

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1 WHEREAS, a 2019 report on data compiled by the agency for
2 healthcare research and quality indicates that lower-extremity
3 amputations for adults with diabetes increased from
4 approximately eighty thousand in 2005 to over one hundred ten
5 thousand in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, the national institutes of health indicates that
7 New Mexico has high rates of amputation for peripheral arterial
8 disease compared to other states; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States department of health and
10 human services indicates that, within New Mexico, Native
11 Americans and Mexican Americans undergo disproportionately high
12 diabetes-related amputations; and

13 WHEREAS, alternatives to limb amputations exist for
14 people who have diabetes and peripheral arterial disease; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and
16 prevention recommends screening for those who are symptomatic
17 of diabetes and peripheral arterial disease; and

18 WHEREAS, ankle-brachial index screening is a minimally
19 invasive measure of blood pressure to the extremities, which
20 could minimize the risk of amputation in those with peripheral
21 arterial disease; and

22 WHEREAS, educating communities on alternative courses of
23 care facilitates autonomy in patients; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexicans with diabetes could benefit from
25 education on preventive measures for peripheral arterial

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1 disease and alternatives to amputation;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of health and the
4 secretary of human services be requested to convene a task
5 force to study methods of preventing and educating the public
6 on diabetes-related amputation; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
8 representatives from the human services department and the
9 department of health, including its office of primary care and
10 rural health; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
12 to study:

13 A. the effect of educating communities on risks of
14 peripheral arterial disease, preventive screening for
15 peripheral arterial disease and alternatives to amputation;

16 B. the effect of educating physicians on billing
17 for peripheral arterial disease screening in patients who
18 display diabetes symptoms;

19 C. financial implications of increased practice of
20 screening for peripheral arterial disease;

21 D. implementation of preventive alternatives to
22 amputation; and

23 E. data resulting from providing physicians with
24 tools to detect peripheral arterial disease and knowledge on
25 alternatives to amputation; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
2 to report its findings to the legislative health and human
3 services committee and to the governor by November 1, 2020; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health, the
6 secretary of human services and the chair of the legislative
7 health and human services committee.