SENATE MEMORIAL 4

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEALTH
TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH
INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has made
the need for a strong public health system more urgent; and

WHEREAS, the national conference of state legislatures has
begun to focus on public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a centralized public health
infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the state has already developed interagency
cooperation among the agencies involved in health care; and

WHEREAS, further collaboration among state agencies, local
and county governments, academic institutions and nonprofit
organizations has the potential to improve the public health
infrastructure, improve the health of New Mexicans and reduce costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of health be requested to convene a public health task force to study public health infrastructure and procedures in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the areas to be considered for study include, but not be limited to, public health infrastructure, the public health workforce, the status of the social determinants of health and laws that protect public health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public health task force be requested to recommend strategies for improving public health infrastructure in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of health be requested to include the following participants in the public health task force: relevant state agencies, representatives from local and county governments, relevant academic programs and relevant nonprofit organizations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and recommendations of the task force be presented to the legislative health and human services committee by December 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health and the
executive director of the New Mexico association of counties.

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