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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 63

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

CARLOS R. CISNEROS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MANDATORY TRAINING OF AND EDUCATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ON THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND THE LAWS RELATIVE TO THEIR TREATMENT.

WHEREAS, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-related illness is the leading cause of death among young adults twenty-five to forty-four years old; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-half million Americans have AIDS, and approximately forty thousand new HIV infections occur each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over one thousand two hundred New Mexicans have AIDS, and estimates are that at least twice that many individuals have been infected with the HIV virus; and

WHEREAS, the second community-defined need for HIV services

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1 in New Mexico, as determined by the HIV coordinating council for
2 the state, is professional education; and

3 WHEREAS, from the perspective of many of New Mexico's
4 smaller communities, New Mexicans continue to face unlawful
5 discrimination by health care providers, including circumstances
6 in which such professionals, on the basis of an individual's
7 being HIV seropositive, decline to provide services ordinarily
8 offered within the scope of the professional's practice and
9 instead refer the individual to another comparable provider or
10 provide a different level of care to the individual; and

11 WHEREAS, federal and state laws exist to protect and
12 promote the human and civil rights of people with disabilities,
13 including people with HIV or AIDS;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health create a task
16 force to study mandatory training of and education for health
17 care providers concerning HIV or AIDS and other infectious
18 diseases and applicable laws; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be headed by the
20 department of health and be comprised of representatives from
21 the New Mexico medical society, board of medical examiners, New
22 Mexico board of dental health care, New Mexico state board of
23 nursing, New Mexico nurses association, New Mexico AIDS
24 education and training center, HIV coordinating council,
25 protection and advocacy system and consumers; and

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7 Mr. President:
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submi tted,
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Ejennings, Romero

Absent: 0

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Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

Yes: 5

No: Dolliver

Excused: Charley, Hawkins, Marquardt, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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