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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 22

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, FINANCING
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH DATA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a conservative estimate of the total information
infrastructure investment in New Mexico exceeds two billion
dollars (\$2, 000, 000, 000), with a thirty percent overlap of
investment by the private and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, the state has multiple health and health care
system information networks and systems, both public and
private, which are fragmented; and

WHEREAS, fragmented state information systems are costly to
manage and operate and create duplicative data reporting
requirements, thereby increasing administrative costs for both
the private and public sectors; and

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1 WHEREAS, multiple state-level health data systems limit the
2 capacity of the state to effectively and efficiently use
3 available data for analysis, planning and policy formation; and

4 WHEREAS, the availability of readily accessible
5 comprehensive data on health care and health care systems is
6 desirable for more effective management of the health care
7 system in New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, rural health care facilities in particular lack
9 access to advanced information infrastructure due to limited
10 resources and distant location from the concentrated
11 infrastructure development in the more populous areas of the
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, the provision and management of health care
14 requires a joint effort between government, the private health
15 care sector, business and consumers; and

16 WHEREAS, experience in other states and from private
17 initiatives has demonstrated the potential for information
18 technology to cost-effectively address a variety of health data
19 and information needs and to improve the efficiency and
20 effectiveness of the health care system; and

21 WHEREAS, the reduced cost of information technology
22 provides the state with the opportunity to apply information
23 technology to improve the efficiency and quality of health care,
24 reduce costs in the public and private sectors and improve the
25 availability of health data and information for policymakers,

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1 planners, researchers and the general public; and

2 WHEREAS, the health information alliance, a joint public-
3 private initiative, has formulated a plan for an integrated
4 statewide health data system to improve the efficiency and
5 effectiveness of both the public and private health care system
6 by streamlining data reporting processes, reducing the need for
7 duplication of health-related data and information systems and
8 facilitating access to and exchange of health-related data by
9 public and private health care providers, state agencies,
10 policymakers and consumers;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy commission
13 be requested to convene a task force to propose recommendations
14 to implement, govern and manage the health data system, with
15 specific consideration of:

16 A. the state policy for health data and information;

17 B. the administrative and policymaking structure of
18 a governing entity, with participation that provides for
19 balanced representation of the interests of the state, including
20 state government health entities, the private sector and the
21 consuming public;

22 C. responsibilities, powers and authority of the
23 governing entity;

24 D. plan of operation, including a business plan;

25 E. sources of financial and other resources for

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1 implementation and ongoing operations, including training,
2 technical support and development;

3 F. mechanisms to make the health data system
4 accessible to the greatest possible number of New Mexicans, in
5 particular those in rural areas;

6 G. provisions for the management of confidential
7 data;

8 H. required legal provisions and statutory changes
9 for the management, operation and use of the health data system;

10 I. requirements to ensure that the health data
11 system is responsive to a wide variety of health related
12 information needs; and

13 J. proposed fees or other changes to support the
14 health data system; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of a
16 representative of the New Mexico health policy commission, the
17 department of health, the human services department, the
18 department of insurance, the workers' compensation
19 administration, the governor's chief information officer, the
20 health maintenance organization industry, the indemnity
21 insurance industry, hospitals, private physicians, community-
22 based primary care centers, the health information alliance and
23 three other individuals to be appointed by the New Mexico health
24 policy commission; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy

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1 commission report its recommendations to the appropriate interim
2 legislative committee by September 30, 1997; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
4 to the chair of the New Mexico health policy commission, the
5 secretaries of health and human services, the superintendent of
6 insurance, the director of the workers' compensation
7 administration and the governor's chief information officer.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 18, 1997

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, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Rios, Sandel

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997**

February 25, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE 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,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Heaton, Townsend, Varela, Wallace, Watchman

Absent: None

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March 15, 1997

Mr. President:

Your 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,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Ingle, Vernon, Smith

Absent: None

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