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2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997				
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL				
11	REQUESTING THE COMMISSION FOR DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING PERSONS				
12	TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEEDS FOR AND AVAILABILITY OF				
13	COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY MODES OTHER THAN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR				
14	THE HARD OF HEARING.				
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16	WHEREAS, there are an estimated one hundred forty-five				
17	thousand New Mexicans, other than those who are deaf, who are				
18	hard of hearing; and				
19	WHEREAS, many who are hard of hearing are late-deafened				
20	adults or people who have suffered hearing loss due to age or				
21	illness; and				
22	WHEREAS, most of these individuals can speak and do not				
23	know sign language; and				
24	WHEREAS, sign language is not the appropriate communication				
25	modality for these New Mexicans; and				
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WHEREAS, computers and other technology allow the hard of hearing to more fully participate in life's activities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 covers assistance to the hard of hearing as well as to people who are deaf or have other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the extent to which hard-of-hearing New Mexicans need assistance and what types of assistance would be most effective is unknown;

NOW. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE 10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission for deaf and hard-ofhearing persons conduct a study with other agencies and 12 organizations affiliated with disability issues to assess 13 various communication accessibility modes other than sign 14 language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the commission for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons.

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8	Mr. Speaker:				
9	Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to				
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12	HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 49				
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	has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS , amended as follows:				
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	deaf, ".				
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20 21	2. On page 1, line 17, after "are" insert "deaf or".				
21 22	3. On page 1, line 19, after the first occurrence of "are"				
23	insert "deaf or".				
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25	4. On page 2, line 1, after "the" insert "deaf and".				
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