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

INTRODUCED BY

BEN D. ALTAMIRANO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS TO THE STATE ECONOMY AND SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THEIR EXPANSION.

WHEREAS, the commission on higher education administers the eighteen small business development centers, which are located in various cities around the state, including Carlsbad, Grants and Los Alamos; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the small business development centers is to strengthen the economy of New Mexico by providing direct assistance, entrepreneurial education and resource references to help the creation and expansion of new businesses; and

WHEREAS, some of the services provided by the centers include technical assistance in creating business plans,

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minority business development, access to capital, marketing methods and many other services focused on helping the small business owner succeed or expand his business; and

WHEREAS, the success of the small business development centers is impressive; from January to June 1996, the centers were responsible for the opening of one hundred twenty-two new businesses, which created four hundred twenty full-time jobs and one hundred thirty-eight part-time jobs, enhancing the economy and quality of life for all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, funding for the small business development centers has remained constant, while costs and demand for services have increased dramatically;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature support an increase in funding for the small business development centers, which will in turn directly contribute to a healthy state economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher education and the state director of the small business development centers report the status of the centers to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 15, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent to the commission on higher education, the state director of the small business development centers and the secretary of economic development.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY 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,

Fred Luna, Chairman

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