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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 45

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, LABOR DEPARTMENT AND CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NAVAJO NATION TO WORK TOGETHER TO CONDUCT A MORE EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE NEW MEXICO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PLAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

WHEREAS, access for New Mexicans to services in state agencies is a state priority; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation supports the state's temporary assistance for needy families plan that will consolidate the welfare programs in the state and simplify program administration and eligibility requirements for welfare recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation has already requested the interested state agencies working on the temporary assistance

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1 for needy families plan to immediately address the concerns and
2 issues of the Navajo Nation in reviewing the state plan; and

3 WHEREAS, if the Navajo Nation decides to implement its own
4 temporary assistance for needy families plan, pass-through funds
5 and possibly additional state funds will be required to operate
6 the program;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department,
9 department of health, labor department and children, youth and
10 families department and the Navajo Nation begin immediately to
11 work together to conduct an extensive review of the New Mexico
12 temporary assistance for needy families plan and address the
13 issues and concerns of the Navajo Nation; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department,
15 department of health, labor department and children, youth and
16 families department work with the Navajo Nation to develop,
17 within the provisions of the new welfare reform law, a plan that
18 addresses geographic availability and service area capacity for
19 welfare recipients; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of this joint
21 memorial be presented to the appropriate interim legislative
22 committees by July 1, 1997; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the secretaries of human services, health, labor
25 and children, youth and families and to the president of the

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Navajo Nation.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
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17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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25 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Aragon

Absent: None

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