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SENATE BILL 362

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

LEONARD TSOSIE

AN ACT

CREATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT  
COMMISSION CREATED-- TERMINATION. --The "Native American health  
care oversight commission" is created. The commission shall  
function from the date of its appointment until December 1  
prior to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES. --

A. The Native American health care oversight  
commission shall be composed of eleven voting members,  
appointed in the following manner:

(1) two members of the Navajo Nation, who  
shall be appointed by the tribal president;

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1 (2) two members of a pueblo tribe, who shall  
2 be appointed by the all-Indian pueblo council;

3 (3) two members of an Apache tribe, who shall  
4 be appointed by the tribal president;

5 (4) the director of the Indian health service  
6 or his designee; and

7 (5) four nontribal members appointed by the  
8 governor.

9 B. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by  
10 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

11 C. Members shall be paid per diem and mileage in  
12 accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage  
13 Act.

14 Section 3. DUTIES. --After the Native American health  
15 care oversight commission members are appointed, the  
16 commission shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a  
17 work plan for the ensuing year. The commission shall review  
18 issues related to the delivery of health care to Native  
19 American populations in the state, including evaluating the  
20 sufficiency of health care services, especially in rural  
21 areas, and reviewing costs and the quality and availability of  
22 services, and shall recommend legislation or changes, if any  
23 are found to be necessary, to the first session of the forty-  
24 fourth legislature.

25 Section 4. REPORT. --The Native American health care

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1 oversight commission shall make a report of its findings and  
2 recommendations for the consideration of the first session of  
3 the forty-fourth legislature. The reports and suggested  
4 legislation shall be made available to the New Mexico  
5 legislative council, the legislative health and human services  
6 committee and the interim Indian affairs committee no later  
7 than November 1, 1998.

8 Section 5. STAFF.--The staff for the Native American  
9 health care oversight commission shall be provided by the New  
10 Mexico office of Indian affairs.

11 Section 6. APPROPRIATION.--For the purpose of paying  
12 contract assistants, necessary equipment and supplies used in  
13 carrying out the provisions of this act, for travel expenses  
14 for staff and commission members and for reimbursing the per  
15 diem and mileage expenses of the Native American health care  
16 oversight commission, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)  
17 is appropriated to the New Mexico office of Indian affairs  
18 from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 1999.  
19 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
20 fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

21 Section 7. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
22 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
23 immediately.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, in  
15 accordance with constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the  
16 INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,

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25 Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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7 Mr. President:

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

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Excused: Carraro, Kysar, Davis

Absent: None

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