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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 21

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONDUCT
A STUDY OF PRIMARY ORAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS INITIATIVES TO
INCLUDE AN INVENTORY OF EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAMS AND
SITES AND THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIMARY ORAL HEALTH
CARE PROVIDERS.

WHEREAS, oral health care is an integral component of
primary health care; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of oral disease is universal and
negatively impacts the overall health status of New Mexicans;
and

WHEREAS, access to oral health care services should be
available to all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the number and distribution of oral health care
providers and facilities are essential to ensure access; and

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1 WHEREAS, perceived barriers to access to oral health care
2 services for New Mexicans exist; and

3 WHEREAS, a comprehensive assessment of the primary oral
4 health care delivery system has never been performed and is
5 essential to determine access barriers and establish
6 opportunities for equitable access to oral health care for New
7 Mexicans;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy
10 commission conduct a comprehensive assessment of access to
11 oral health care services in New Mexico and make
12 recommendations regarding issues of access to oral health care
13 services, including the following:

14 A. the adequacy of the supply, capacity and distribution
15 of oral health care services, providers and facilities;

16 B. access standards for oral health care services for
17 New Mexico;

18 C. the adequacy of educational and training programs to
19 meet New Mexico's needs for oral health care;

20 D. existing resources to improve the supply and
21 distribution of oral health care providers and services;

22 E. current publicly funded programs to enhance access to
23 oral health care services and determine their efficiency and
24 effectiveness;

25 F. barriers, including adequacy of privately and

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1 publicly funded reimbursement, to accessing oral health care
2 services and evaluation of the effectiveness of existing
3 publicly funded initiatives;

4 G. the options used nationally and by other states to
5 improve access to oral health care services and assess their
6 applicability to New Mexico;

7 H. perceived barriers to retention of health care
8 providers, especially in rural areas, and development of
9 specific strategies to remove barriers;

10 I. publicly funded incentives to provide oral health
11 care services in underserved areas of the state and to other
12 underserved populations; and

13 J. options, based on findings, and recommendations to
14 cost-effectively improve access to oral health care services.
15 These recommendations should address the supply and
16 distribution of oral health care providers in the state and
17 the use of existing resources and initiatives; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an interim report of
19 recommendations developed as a result of the efforts by the
20 New Mexico health policy commission be presented to the
21 appropriate interim legislative committee by May 15, 1999 and
22 a final report be presented to the appropriate interim
23 legislative committee by October 1, 1999; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 sent to the chairman of the New Mexico health policy

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8 Mr. President:
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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24 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Rodarte

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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22 Gary K. King, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Crook, Heaton, Sandel

Absent: None

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