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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 32**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AND THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A  
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES, REFORM EFFORTS  
AND EXPECTED TRENDS.**

**WHEREAS, the world health organization defines health as a  
state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and  
not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; and**

**WHEREAS, health care is broader than simply coverage,  
access and delivery but also includes, among other public  
health initiatives, primary and preventive care, nutrition and  
exercise; and**

**WHEREAS, medical advancement and health care developments  
have broadened doctor-patient relationships with alternative  
medicine, in-home and community-based health care, managed**

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1 care, disease and case management and countless other  
2 initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, the viability of the health care industry is as  
4 much a part of economic development as new and higher paying  
5 jobs; and

6 WHEREAS, the continuously increasing costs of health care  
7 are forcing the federal government and the states to consider a  
8 wide range of initiatives to reform public health programs; and

9 WHEREAS, it is the statutory policy of the state of New  
10 Mexico to promote optimal health; to prevent disease,  
11 disability and premature death; to improve the quality of life;  
12 and to assure that basic health services are available,  
13 accessible, acceptable and culturally appropriate, regardless  
14 of financial status; and

15 WHEREAS, the state's policy is to be realized through  
16 education, motivation and support of the individual in healthy  
17 behavior; protection and improvement of the physical and social  
18 environments; promotion of health services for early diagnosis  
19 and prevention of disease and disability; and provisions of  
20 basic treatment services needed by all New Mexicans; and

21 WHEREAS, despite the state's policy, there continues to be  
22 significant disagreement and debate about how to address the  
23 health needs of all New Mexicans;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative

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1 health and human services committee and the legislative finance  
2 committee be requested to conduct a comprehensive study to  
3 review or determine the impact of health care expenditures,  
4 including compensated and uncompensated costs, on the health  
5 care industry and the state's economy; a review of state and  
6 national health care reform efforts over the last fifteen  
7 years; the cost and benefits of primary, preventive and public  
8 health initiatives; the expected fiscal and policy trends in  
9 the next decade; and the public and private cost of providing  
10 health care to all New Mexicans; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative health and  
12 human services committee and the legislative finance committee  
13 be requested to provide a written report to the New Mexico  
14 legislative council by November 1, 2003; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the governor, the New Mexico legislative  
17 council, the legislative finance committee and the appropriate  
18 interim legislative committee.

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