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1 treatment and the national institutes of health is spending
2 millions of dollars to study alternative therapies; and

3 WHEREAS, it is estimated that several hundred providers of
4 naturopathic medicine are practicing in New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, the education and training of naturopathic
6 providers varies from correspondence school to a bachelor of
7 science degree with four years of naturopathic medical school;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, consumers have no way of knowing the level of
10 training of the naturopathic provider they choose;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy
13 commission be requested to create a task force to study the
14 potential licensing of naturopathic physicians and naturopaths
15 in the state of New Mexico; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
17 representatives from the New Mexico association of naturopathic
18 physicians, the New Mexico physicians of naturopathic medicine
19 association, other naturopathic associations and licensed
20 health care providers and consumers and that a report be made
21 of the task force's findings to the interim legislative health
22 and human services committee by October 2004; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico health policy
25 commi ssi on.

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