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1           WHEREAS, the medicaid program in New Mexico covers the  
2 cost of nursing home care and home- and community-based  
3 services for the elderly and disabled and provides in excess of  
4 two hundred twenty-one million dollars (\$221,000,000) in  
5 combined state and federal funding for these services; and

6           WHEREAS, the private cost of nursing home care is  
7 unaffordable for most people in need of nursing home care and  
8 therefore most families have come to rely on medicaid to fund  
9 this level of care for their elderly relatives; and

10          WHEREAS, people are finding it relatively easy to qualify  
11 for medicaid long-term care services, despite seemingly  
12 restrictive eligibility rules, and this relaxed access has  
13 resulted in an entitlement mentality regarding the financing of  
14 these services; and

15          WHEREAS, use of private, out-of-pocket and insurance  
16 financing of these long-term care services has languished while  
17 medicaid costs have skyrocketed; and

18          WHEREAS, long-term care insurance, home equity conversion  
19 and other alternative mechanisms for private financing of  
20 long-term care services have been little utilized;

21          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state agency on aging be requested  
23 to lead a study with the cooperation of the human services  
24 department and appropriate statewide organizations representing  
25 aging and long-term care services to study the financial impact

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1 of facility-based and home- and community-based care on the  
2 medicaid budget and identify alternative models of financing  
3 such care; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study identify  
5 appropriate incentives to encourage self care and the use of  
6 insurance, explore potential ways to limit asset identification  
7 and asset transfers and promote maximum medicaid estate  
8 recovery; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging  
10 support the efforts of a statewide organization representing  
11 the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease, and others as  
12 appropriate, to hold a conference exploring alternative models  
13 of financing long-term care services; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging  
15 develop recommendations on implementation of alternative  
16 mechanisms for financing long-term care services and report its  
17 findings and recommendations to the interim legislative health  
18 and human services committee at its October 2004 meeting; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging and  
20 the human services department notify appropriate statewide  
21 organizations representing aging and long-term care; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the state agency on aging and the human services  
24 department.

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