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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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**REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE TO STUDY SUPPLEMENTAL WAGE SUPPORT AND BENEFITS FOR
CHILD CARE WORKERS.**

**WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there is a serious shortage of
child care workers; and**

**WHEREAS, the shortage is even more severe for
professionally educated and trained child care workers; and**

**WHEREAS, professionally trained child care workers are
essential to providing high-quality early childhood programs;
and**

**WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood programs are
necessary to ensure that children are ready for school when
they enter kindergarten; and**

WHEREAS, when child care workers gain more education and

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1 acquire degrees, they often leave early childhood programs to
2 teach in public schools, where salaries, employee benefits and
3 working hours are substantially better; and

4 WHEREAS, employee benefits for child care workers are
5 often low or nonexistent;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim
8 legislative health and human services committee study the value
9 and impact of providing supplemental wage support and benefits
10 to child care workers, identify methods to finance such wage
11 supports and benefits and report its findings and
12 recommendations to the second session of the forty-seventh
13 legislature.

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