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HOUSE MEMORIAL 25

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE DIRE NEED FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR
JUVENILE AND ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, juvenile probation and parole officers are
involved on the front lines in working with New Mexico's most
troubled youth and therefore have a tremendous impact on the
lives of these young people; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the community as well as the
appropriate supervision of youth rests in the hands of juvenile
probation and parole officers as they work with youth to shape
their choices to become law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the community also rests in the
hands of and in the wisdom of adult probation and parole
officers who supervise adults released from New Mexico prisons;
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1 WHEREAS, the positive impact an adult probation and parole
2 officer can have on shaping the remaining years of an adult's
3 life is no less significant than that of such an officer
4 working with youth; and

5 WHEREAS, neither the juvenile nor the adult probation and
6 parole officers have been adequately paid given the formative
7 responsibility, trustworthiness and dedication to the safety of
8 the community that is required;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children,
11 youth and families department be requested to conduct a study
12 of comparative salaries for juvenile probation officers in
13 surrounding states; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department be
15 requested to conduct a study of comparative salaries for adult
16 probation officers in surrounding states; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
18 families department and corrections department compare the
19 number of inmates supervised per probation and parole officer,
20 the rate of remuneration, the benefits provided and the working
21 hours and conditions; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
23 families department and corrections department report their
24 findings to the appropriate legislative interim committee by
25 its October 2005 meeting; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families
3 and the secretary of corrections.

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