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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 60
48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ON-SITE CHILD CARE FOR
STATE EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, there exists in Santa Fe and other metropolitan
areas of the state a lack of adequate daycare facilities,
particularly facilities caring for infants under the age of
two; and

WHEREAS, the employment and retention of women, minorities
and others who may find a lack of adequate child care to be a
detriment to employment is a legislated and continual goal of
the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country, on-site, employee-run or
employer-provided daycare centers, in both private and public
organizations, have proved to be a large factor in attracting

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1 and retaining employees as well as a source of employees'
2 satisfaction with their employers; and

3 WHEREAS, on-site child care has been shown to provide
4 significant cost savings to organizations and can provide cost
5 savings to the state; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout the country, on-site, employee-run or
7 employer-provided daycare centers have proved to provide peace
8 of mind for parents and quality care for children; and

9 WHEREAS, the children of New Mexico, including the
10 children of employees of the state of New Mexico, are the
11 state's greatest resource;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the pilot project for on-site child
14 care at the New Mexico department of transportation run by Kids
15 Under Konstruction, a nonprofit corporation created and managed
16 by employees of the department, be recognized as a valuable
17 project for the state of New Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
19 council be requested to direct the appropriate legislative
20 interim committee to examine the issues of child care as they
21 relate to state employees and the citizens of New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate legislative
23 interim committee be requested to examine methods to foster
24 nonprofit partnerships with state government to provide on-site
25 child care to state government employees and to the citizens of

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1 New Mexico in order to relieve the shortage of child care
2 statewide and to retain qualified and valuable government
3 employees by providing them with adequate child care options;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate legislative
6 interim committee examine methods to finance capital projects
7 designed to create and maintain on-site child care centers at
8 state government agencies that provide services to state
9 government employees and the citizens of New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.