

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING STATE CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, the governor has issued Executive Order 2007-49 requiring state contractors to offer comprehensive health coverage to their New Mexico employees; and

WHEREAS, the department of health and the human services department maintain contracts and provider agreements with developmental delay and disability service providers to provide needed supports to the state's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department of health, the human services department and the legislature will need information on the financial impact on these developmental delay and disability service providers in their compliance with the requirement for the provision of comprehensive health coverage to their employees; and

WHEREAS, the cost of performing needed services to the state by developmental delay and disability service providers may be affected by the new requirement mandating the provision of comprehensive health coverage through other sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the human services department be requested to conduct a joint study on the impact of Executive Order 2007-49, including its costs to the state and the consequences of its implementation for developmental delay and disability service providers with state contracts or provider agreements, and to make a report of its findings to the appropriate interim committee that reviews health and human services issues, the legislative finance committee and the interim revenue stabilization and tax policy committee by October 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of health; the secretary of human services; the chairs of the legislative health and human services committee and the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee; and the director of the legislative finance committee.