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HOUSE MEMORIAL 105

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
INTERIM DISABILITIES CONCERNS COMMITTEE ON WHICH PUBLIC MEMBERS
MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE.

WHEREAS, legislation affecting persons with disabilities
runs the gamut from health concerns to business access and from
behavioral health difficulties to accommodations in the
schools; and

WHEREAS, many persons with disabilities are interested in
taking part in shaping the legislative agenda that shapes their
lives; and

WHEREAS, disabilities legislation and initiatives often
fall through the cracks because they do not completely reside
in any single topic, committee or law; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has passed the Developmental

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1 Disabilities Act and must comply with the federal Americans
2 with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

3 WHEREAS, inclusion of persons with disabilities in the
4 mainstream of New Mexico's political life will benefit all
5 those involved; and

6 WHEREAS, legislators have good reason to unify such a
7 broad focus area by bringing interested persons from many
8 fields and many legislative perspectives together;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
11 legislative council form an interim disabilities concerns
12 committee composed of four members of each house of the
13 legislature, balanced as to party affiliation, and other public
14 members with disabilities and expertise in disabilities law,
15 health, education and resources; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
18 council.

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