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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE
TASK FORCE CONVENED IN 2008 TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND
EFFECTIVENESS OF CREATING AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO OVERSEE NEW
MEXICO'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the legislature directed the attorney general to
convene a task force to study the feasibility and effectiveness
of creating an independent entity to oversee New Mexico's
correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the task force was convened and held an
organizational meeting in December 2007; and

WHEREAS, the task force toured the central New Mexico
correctional facility in Los Lunas and the New Mexico women's
correctional facility in Grants; and

WHEREAS, the task force heard from a nationally recognized

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1 expert on prison oversight about the need for transparency and
2 accountability in order to create a safer environment for
3 inmates, staff, visitors and administrators; and

4 WHEREAS, the task force still needs to review multiple
5 models for implementation in order to identify and implement
6 the most appropriate and effective design for New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, long-term planning for the development of an
8 independent oversight entity must include a realistic
9 appreciation for the state's current fiscal limitations;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the attorney
12 general be requested to continue the work of the task force to
13 study the feasibility and effectiveness of forming an
14 independent entity to oversee the status and conditions of New
15 Mexico's correctional facilities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
17 develop a long-term plan for the creation of an independent
18 oversight entity that includes specific benchmarks for
19 implementation and recommendations for specific sources of
20 revenue to support the work of that entity; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
22 report its findings to the appropriate interim legislative
23 committee no later than November 2011; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the attorney general.

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