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SENATE BILL 259

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

DEDE FELDMAN

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY  
COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
(\$575,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the New  
Mexico health policy commission for expenditure in fiscal year  
1998 in the following amounts for the following purposes:

(1) one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
(\$175,000) to establish a centralized data system to track the  
geographic availability of health services, to assess the  
effectiveness of existing initiatives, to give priority based on  
need to geographic areas and health professions and to identify  
opportunities to improve current resources;

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(2) one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
(\$150,000) to conduct periodic surveys to collect data on  
insurance coverage and health care access to better assess the  
impact of policy changes and assist in future state health care  
planning; and

(3) two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
(\$250,000) to compile, analyze and disseminate information  
regarding satisfaction with and quality of various health plans  
offered in the state to help New Mexico consumers make  
appropriate health care decisions.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
at the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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18 Respectfully submitted,  
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23 Shannon Robinson, Chairman  
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Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against  
Yes: 5  
No: 0  
Excused: Vernon, Smith, Boitano, Adair  
Absent: None

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