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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 53

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

INTRODUCED BY

ROMAN M. MAES III

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO  
STUDY THE FUNDING AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, more than one hundred forty million dollars  
(\$140,000,000) in state and federal funds are administered by  
the department of health and the human services department to  
assist people with developmental disabilities and their families  
to receive the support and services they need; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately eighteen thousand eligible  
people with developmental disabilities on waiting lists for  
these services; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the people of the state,  
including people with developmental disabilities and their  
families, are best served when programs are effective, efficient

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1 and consistent with the public policy expressed in the laws of  
2 New Mexico and the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the needs of people with developmental  
4 disabilities and their families vary;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health convene a task  
7 force that includes people with disabilities and their families,  
8 members of advocacy organizations, providers of services and  
9 support and other state agencies with responsibilities for  
10 services for people with developmental disabilities and their  
11 families to study the effectiveness and efficiency of funding  
12 mechanisms and providers of services and support and to make  
13 recommendations to the department of health, other state  
14 agencies and the legislature on improving effectiveness,  
15 efficiency and access to services, consistent with the public  
16 policy expressed in the laws of New Mexico and the United  
17 States; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include the  
19 following:

- 20 A. the ratio between direct service cost and  
21 administrative costs at the state and provider levels;
- 22 B. the purchase and use of real estate by providers;
- 23 C. the relationship among the needs of people  
24 receiving services, consumer and family choice and program  
25 costs;



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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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19 1. On page 1, line 20, strike "thousand" and insert in lieu  
20 thereof "hundred".,

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22 Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Robinson

Absent: None

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**Mr. Speaker:**

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 53, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Dana, Rios, Sandel, Trujillo

Absent: None

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