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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, OTHER POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS AND STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BE ENCOURAGED
TO USE THE CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING SINGLE PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Health Care Purchasing Act was enacted to
ensure access to more affordable and enhanced quality of
health insurance through consolidated purchasing for public
employees, public school employees and retirees of public
employment and the public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Health Care Purchasing Act has been amended
to permit counties, municipalities, other political
subdivisions and state educational institutions to use the
consolidated purchasing single process for the procurement of
health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, a larger pool of groups participating in a

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1 consolidated purchasing single process provides a greater
2 bargaining position for the state; and

3 WHEREAS, an expansion of groups participating in the
4 consolidated purchasing single process provides the best
5 opportunity for spreading health insurance risk over a larger
6 pool, thus helping to control health care costs;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the counties, municipalities, other
9 political subdivisions and boards of regents of the state
10 educational institutions be requested to have cost-benefit
11 analyses conducted to determine if the consolidated purchasing
12 single process is more cost effective for the purchase of
13 health care benefits; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties, municipalities,
15 other political subdivisions and boards of regents of the
16 state educational institutions present their findings and
17 recommendations to an appropriate interim committee by October
18 1, 2002; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the counties, municipalities, other political
21 subdivisions and boards of regents of the state educational
22 institutions and those political subdivisions currently
23 participating in the consolidated purchasing single process.