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HOUSE MEMORIAL 54

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH THE CAMINO NUEVO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF GENDER-SPECIFIC TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AT THE CAMINO NUEVO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the corrections department is opening the camino nuevo correctional facility for women in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the rate of recidivism for women released from New Mexico correctional facilities is unacceptably high; and

WHEREAS, women have different health and behavioral issues than men and respond differently to institutional treatment and to transition and reintegration programs than do men; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for transition and reintegration treatment and services and continuation of care that is gender-specific for women at the camino nuevo correctional facility;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, there is a need for community involvement in
3 establishing good gender-specific reintegration and transition
4 services;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections
7 department be requested to create a camino nuevo community
8 advisory committee to study strategies to provide gender-
9 specific treatment to women while at the camino nuevo
10 correctional facility and to provide gender-specific transition
11 and reintegration services to women upon their release from the
12 camino nuevo correctional facility; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department be
14 requested to appoint to the committee two corrections
15 department representatives, two representatives from the entity
16 operating the camino nuevo corrections facility, one
17 representative from the New Mexico women's justice project, one
18 representative from the labor department, one clinical
19 psychologist or licensed professional counselor, one licensed
20 social worker, two representatives from community providers
21 with relevant experience related to gender-specific treatment,
22 one representative from the commission on the status of women
23 and three additional members of the committee selected by a
24 majority of the other members of the committee; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department be

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1 requested to report the committee's findings to the appropriate
2 interim legislative committee by December 1, 2006; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the secretary of corrections.

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