

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CONVENE AN  
3 INDIAN HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE FOR A STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT  
4 TO THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND OF MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED  
5 TRIBES RECEIVING HEALTH CARE FROM STATE AND OTHER FACILITIES  
6 OTHER THAN UNITED STATES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES AND  
7 TRIBES.

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9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's general fund has routinely and  
10 historically covered the cost of the medicaid portion of  
11 health care for all Native American New Mexicans within its  
12 established limitations and guidelines; and

13 WHEREAS, members of federally recognized Indian tribes  
14 have grown in numbers and no longer primarily inhabit  
15 traditional reservation lands; and

16 WHEREAS, members of federally recognized Indian tribes  
17 have established homes, businesses and communities in urban  
18 areas of New Mexico and away from reservations; and

19 WHEREAS, some members of federally recognized tribes  
20 have been forced to travel back to their reservations in order  
21 to obtain and receive basic and emergency health care; and

22 WHEREAS, those members unable to travel back to their  
23 reservations have sought and received limited health care  
24 services at New Mexico health care facilities, including the  
25 university of New Mexico hospital and Presbyterian hospitals;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, rough estimates place the New Mexico general  
3 fund expenditures for members of federally recognized tribes  
4 receiving health care from state and private facilities at  
5 over one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) in  
6 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
8 Care Act may provide a way for the New Mexico general fund to  
9 be spared in whole or in part from providing health care to  
10 members of federally recognized Indian tribes; and

11 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Indian health care task  
12 force has been recommended by the university of New Mexico  
13 hospital board of trustees;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Indian affairs department be  
16 requested to convene an Indian health care task force; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian health care task  
18 force be requested to study and assess the impact that  
19 members of federally recognized tribes receiving health care  
20 from state and other facilities other than United States  
21 Indian health service facilities has on the state's general  
22 fund; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Indian health  
24 care task force include all pueblo council of governors  
25 health committee members; representatives from federally

1 recognized tribal governments in New Mexico, the Indian  
2 affairs department, the medical assistance division of the  
3 human services department, the university of New Mexico  
4 health system, the southwest community health representatives  
5 association and the United States Indian health service; a  
6 member of the New Mexico Indian title VI coalition; members  
7 of the medical profession; and two members each from the  
8 New Mexico senate and house of representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on or before  
10 December 15, 2018, the Indian health care task force be  
11 requested to deliver its report to the interim legislative  
12 health and human services committee, the legislative finance  
13 committee and the interim legislative committee dedicated to  
14 Indian affairs; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial  
16 be transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico  
17 legislative council, the secretary of Indian Affairs, the  
18 university of New Mexico health sciences center, the human  
19 services department, the Indian health service and the  
20 governor.

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