

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 108

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Benny Shendo, Jr.

5
6
7
8
9
10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CONVENE AN INDIAN
12 HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE FOR A STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT TO THE
13 STATE'S GENERAL FUND OF MEMBERS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES
14 RECEIVING HEALTH CARE FROM STATE AND OTHER FACILITIES OTHER
15 THAN UNITED STATES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES AND TRIBES.

16
17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's general fund has routinely and
18 historically covered the cost of the medicaid portion of health
19 care for all Native American New Mexicans within its
20 established limitations and guidelines; and

21 WHEREAS, members of federally recognized Indian tribes
22 have grown in numbers and no longer primarily inhabit
23 traditional reservation lands; and

24 WHEREAS, members of federally recognized Indian tribes
25 have established homes, businesses and communities in urban

.210525.1

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

underscoring material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 areas of New Mexico and away from reservations; and

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

5 WHEREAS, those members unable to travel back to their
6 reservations have sought and received limited health care
7 services at New Mexico health care facilities, including the
8 university of New Mexico hospital and Presbyterian hospitals;
9 and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the establishment of an Indian health care task
19 force has been recommended by the university of New Mexico
20 hospital board of trustees;

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Indian health care task
25 force be requested to study and assess the impact that members

.210525.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 of federally recognized tribes receiving health care from state
2 and other facilities other than United States Indian health
3 service facilities has on the state's general fund; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Indian health
5 care task force include all pueblo council of governors health
6 committee members; representatives from federally recognized
7 tribal governments in New Mexico, the Indian affairs
8 department, the medical assistance division of the human
9 services department, the university of New Mexico health
10 system, the southwest community health representatives
11 association and the United States Indian health service; a
12 member of the New Mexico Indian title VI coalition; members of
13 the medical profession; and two members each from the New
14 Mexico senate and house of representatives; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on or before December 15,
16 2018, the Indian health care task force be requested to deliver
17 its report to the interim legislative health and human services
18 committee, the legislative finance committee and the interim
19 legislative committee dedicated to Indian affairs; and

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