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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO CONVENE A
WORKING GROUP TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL
PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND BILINGUAL
EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, school districts throughout the state support
diverse and bilingual cultural education; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has three
dual-language magnet schools, including Coronado elementary,
Longfellow elementary and Hayes middle school, and more than
sixty other traditional schools that offer dual-language
programs; and

WHEREAS, two hundred sixty-six high school students who
graduated from the Albuquerque public school district in 2019
earned a bilingual seal by completing at least eight credits in

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1 Spanish and eight credits in English with a minimum grade point
2 average of 2.0; and

3 WHEREAS, Christine Duncan heritage academy, Cien Aguas
4 international school, Corrales international school, New Mexico
5 international school and Tierra Adentro are charter schools
6 that offer dual-language programs; and

7 WHEREAS, dual language education of New Mexico, the
8 indigenous language institute at Santa Fe Indian school and
9 other organizations promote diverse and cultural education; and

10 WHEREAS, students who attend racially and
11 socioeconomically diverse schools develop the ability to
12 communicate across different cultures and are more likely to
13 reject stereotypes, adopt multiple perspectives, develop cross-
14 racial friendships and seek interactions in diverse situations;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico embraces diverse and bilingual
17 cultures that influence industry partnerships and workforce
18 connections;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
21 of public education be requested to convene a working group of
22 representatives from magnet, charter and traditional public
23 schools and educational organizations that support diverse and
24 bilingual culture to share best practices for implementing
25 school programs that support cultural diversity and bilingual

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education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be requested to make a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislative education study committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public education and the chair of the legislative education study committee.