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HOUSE MEMORIAL 2

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has made the need for a strong public health system more urgent; and

WHEREAS, the national conference of state legislatures has begun to focus on public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a centralized public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the state has already developed interagency cooperation among the agencies involved in health care; and

WHEREAS, further collaboration among state agencies, local and county governments, academic institutions and nonprofit organizations has the potential to improve the public health

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1 infrastructure, improve the health of New Mexicans and reduce
2 costs;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
5 of health be requested to convene a public health task force to
6 study public health infrastructure and procedures in New
7 Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the areas to be considered for
9 study include, but not be limited to, public health
10 infrastructure, the public health workforce, the status of the
11 social determinants of health and laws that protect public
12 health; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public health task force
14 be requested to recommend strategies for improving public
15 health infrastructure in New Mexico; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of health be
17 requested to include the following participants in the public
18 health task force: relevant state agencies, representatives
19 from local and county governments, relevant academic programs
20 and relevant nonprofit organizations; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
22 recommendations of the task force be presented to the
23 legislative health and human services committee by December 1,
24 2021; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health and the
2 executive director of the New Mexico association of counties.

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