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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 44

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

MICHAEL S. SANCHEZ

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE DEVELOP PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 70 OF 1995.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Senate Joint Memorial 70 of 1995, seven public hearings were conducted statewide to obtain public input regarding the quality of care in long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, more than seven hundred citizens of this state, including family members and residents of long-term care facilities, as well as representatives of public and private organizations concerned with long-term care issues, attended these public hearings all over the state; and

WHEREAS, the testimony presented at these hearings raised serious questions about the adequacy of the quality of care

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1 received on a daily basis by residents of long-term care  
2 facilities, including repeated testimony regarding problems  
3 stemming in significant part from short-staffing, such as the  
4 unnecessary developments of incontinence and pressure sores; and

5 WHEREAS, the 1996 thirty-day legislative session will not  
6 allow time for the development of a legislative response to the  
7 findings of Senate Joint Memorial 70; and

8 WHEREAS, Senate Joint Memorial 70, while providing  
9 documented testimony of consumer concerns, did not direct that  
10 specific legislative recommendations be developed to rectify the  
11 issues identified;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative health and  
14 human services committee consider and adopt a series of  
15 legislative recommendations to remedy the issues raised during  
16 the public hearings held pursuant to Senate Joint Memorial 70 of  
17 1995; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative health  
19 and human services committee form one or more subcommittees of  
20 its members to carry out all or part of its functions; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative health  
22 and human services committee be requested to introduce such  
23 legislation for consideration by the first session of the forty-  
24 third legislature.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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18 Respectfully submitted,  
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23 Gloria Howes, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Wray, Doni sthorpe

Absent: 0

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Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against  
Yes: 8  
Excused: Charley, Sandel, Vigil  
Absent: None

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