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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ASSIGN A
REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE LOS LUNAS MEDICAL CENTER TO AN
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE
COURSE OF ACTION TO RETURN THE PROPERTY TO FULL USE AND TO
GENERATE FUNDS FOR THE STATE PERMANENT FUND.**

**WHEREAS, the Los Lunas medical center, also known as the
Los Lunas mental hospital at Los Lunas, is a state institution
described in Article 14, Section 1 of the constitution of New
Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, the state accepted the lands granted by the
federal government on which the Los Lunas medical center is
located to be used exclusively for the purpose for which the
land was granted, as stated in Article 14, Section 2 of the
constitution of New Mexico; and**

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1 WHEREAS, all lands belonging to the territory of New
2 Mexico, and all lands granted, transferred or confirmed to the
3 state by congress are declared by the constitution of New
4 Mexico to be held or disposed of only for the purposes for
5 which they had been granted; and

6 WHEREAS, the Los Lunas medical center was vacated by the
7 department of health and is no longer in use as a mental
8 hospital or medical center; and

9 WHEREAS, the Los Lunas school district is interested in
10 using the facilities and property of the Los Lunas medical
11 center pursuant to a land transfer or lease; and

12 WHEREAS, the department of health is considering
13 transferring patients from the substance abuse and treatment
14 center called Turquoise lodge to be housed at the Los Lunas
15 medical center facility; and

16 WHEREAS, the general services department has required
17 that a master plan be developed to establish the long-term use
18 of the Los Lunas medical center and its surrounding property;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state for the
21 Los Lunas medical center to be occupied and maintained and for
22 the revenue from use or transfer of the Los Lunas medical
23 center to be deposited with the commissioner of public lands,
24 if that is the appropriate disposition of those revenues; and

25 WHEREAS, if the use of the Los Lunas medical center is to

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1 be changed, the community of Los Lunas would like to be
2 permitted input concerning the changes through a public
3 hearing process;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
6 legislative council assign an appropriate interim committee
7 the task of reviewing the proposals for utilization of the Los
8 Lunas medical center, monitoring the progress of a master plan
9 for use of that property and determining if provisions of the
10 constitution of New Mexico are being satisfied or if
11 constitutional amendments are required to accommodate the uses
12 outlined in the master plan; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the village of Los Lunas, the
14 Valencia county government and the Los Lunas school district
15 be included in any discussions developing the master plan; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the village of Los Lunas, the board of county
18 commissioners of Valencia county, the school board of the Los
19 Lunas school district, the secretary of health, the secretary
20 of general services and the New Mexico legislative council.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Fred Luna, Chairman
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10 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 10

12 Excused: Corley, Varela

13 Absent: Getty

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