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SENATE MEMORIAL 41

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico expects to receive approximately one billion, two hundred million dollars (\$1,200,000,000) by the year 2025 from the tobacco settlement entered into November 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, this money is being given to states in a settlement from the various tobacco manufacturers as reimbursement for public money expended, past, present and future, in treating various health problems, including those linked to smoking; and

WHEREAS, the interim legislative health and human services committee, in the interim preceding this first

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1 session of the forty-fourth legislature, received
2 approximately fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in requests
3 for various health and social services programs, and that it
4 annually is requested to introduce legislation funding
5 millions of dollars in health care needs; and

6 WHEREAS, it is consistent and appropriate that
7 expenditures of these tobacco settlement funds be presented
8 through the interim legislative health and human services
9 committee that has, since its creation ten years ago in 1989,
10 heard testimony on the health and social service needs of the
11 entire state;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative health and human
14 services committee include as a major portion of its interim
15 activity hearings on appropriate expenditures of money
16 received through the tobacco settlement entered into November
17 23, 1998 by the state of New Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
19 health and human services committee make specific
20 recommendations to the second session of the forty-fourth and
21 subsequent legislatures for expenditures of the money received
22 as a result of the tobacco settlement entered into November
23 23, 1998; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 sent to the New Mexico legislative council and the interim

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