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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 30
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING A STUDY TO FUND NONCREDIT INSTRUCTION RELATED TO
WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, community colleges play an important role in the state in regard to work force training and retraining; and

WHEREAS, certain work force training programs required by business and industry need to be flexible, short term and customized, and are therefore often not amenable to credit instruction; and

WHEREAS, only credit instruction is funded by the state; and

WHEREAS, community colleges do conduct noncredit instruction for business and industry on a cost-recovery basis; and

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1 WHEREAS, other states fund noncredit instruction related
2 to work force training as an economic development tool; and

3 WHEREAS, most businesses in New Mexico are small, less
4 than twenty-five people and continually need to upgrade the
5 skills of their employees but cannot afford to do so; and

6 WHEREAS, it is estimated that to be competitive in today's
7 society, eighty percent of workers will need some form of post-
8 secondary training; and

9 WHEREAS, education and training have been demonstrated to
10 increase the potential earning power of workers and, thus, per
11 capita income; and

12 WHEREAS, greater access to training through our community
13 colleges will lead to a better-trained work force and an
14 increase in per capita income;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education, in
17 cooperation with post-secondary educational institutions, study
18 the feasibility of funding certain noncredit courses that
19 support needed work force training; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be presented to the
21 legislative finance committee and other appropriate legislative
22 interim committees prior to November 1, 2001; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the commission on higher education for
25 appropriate distribution to post-secondary educational

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