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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO GATHER  
12 INFORMATION AND DEVELOP LEGISLATION CREATING A PROGRAM THAT  
13 SUBSIDIZES VEHICLE INSURANCE COSTS FOR INDIGENT PEOPLE,  
14 INCLUDING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILY PARTICIPANTS  
15 AND WELFARE-TO-WORK CLIENTS IN NEW MEXICO.

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17 WHEREAS, the focus of the New Mexico Works Act and federal  
18 welfare reform changes is to enable participants of temporary  
19 assistance for needy families to develop job skills and to find  
20 employment that is full time, pays well and provides them with  
21 a promising future; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal government has also adopted the  
23 Workforce Investment Act, and the state has created workforce  
24 development boards that are seeking to provide training for  
25 low-income and jobless individuals; and

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1           WHEREAS, lack of transportation is one of the major  
2 barriers that must be overcome so that people can be reliable  
3 employees; and

4           WHEREAS, in many areas of New Mexico there is and can be  
5 no public transportation; and

6           WHEREAS, vanpools and other attempts to provide  
7 transportation to a group of people can work in many  
8 situations, but in rural areas where there are great distances  
9 between homes, or in situations where a worker must work  
10 unconventional shifts, it is more reasonable to help people  
11 afford a family vehicle; and

12           WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing a vehicle may be too much  
13 for a newly employed person, but even if the person has a  
14 vehicle, it is possible that the person cannot or does not  
15 maintain required insurance on the vehicle due to the cost of  
16 insurance; and

17           WHEREAS, many states have regional or statewide programs  
18 that cover the costs of motor vehicle insurance;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the welfare reform oversight committee  
21 be requested to gather information on the car insurance  
22 programs in other states and to develop legislation to present  
23 to the second session of the forty-fifth legislature that will  
24 provide a motor vehicle insurance subsidy program for people  
25 who meet the income eligibility standards for temporary

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1 assistance to needy families or who are newly employed through  
2 welfare-to-work or workforce investment programs; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council and the chair  
5 of the welfare reform oversight committee.

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