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1 opportunities because the support services that many persons
2 with disabilities need to participate in the workforce are
3 lacking; and

4 WHEREAS, there exist employment services that can offer
5 proven, effective support services to persons with
6 disabilities who seek to actively participate in employment
7 opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, employed persons with disabilities contribute
9 significantly to the state's economy and tax base; and

10 WHEREAS, effective and efficient government promotes
11 partnerships and collaboration among state agencies and the
12 private sector to ensure the effective use of resources;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the labor department be requested to
15 develop an employment task force that will develop a
16 cooperative employment initiative for persons with
17 disabilities; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the
19 department of health, the division of vocational
20 rehabilitation of the state department of public education,
21 the developmental disabilities planning council, the human
22 services department, the governor's committee on the concerns
23 of the handicapped, the commission for the blind, the
24 commission for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, the state
25 agency on aging, the Indian behavioral health council, the

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1 governor's mental health planning council, the social security
2 administration and advocacy organizations be invited to
3 participate on the task force; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
5 to prepare a report identifying the barriers, problems and
6 recommendations for the creation of a coordinated
7 infrastructure system to provide significantly more employment
8 services to persons with disabilities; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
10 findings to an appropriate interim committee of the
11 legislature prior to the second session of the forty-fifth
12 legislature; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretaries of labor, health and human
15 services, the superintendent of public instruction, the
16 developmental disabilities planning council, the governor's
17 committee on the concerns of the handicapped, the commission
18 for the blind, the commission for deaf and hard-of-hearing
19 persons, the state agency on aging, the Indian behavioral
20 health council, the governor's mental health planning council
21 and the social security administration.