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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 52**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**  
**INTRODUCED BY**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT DEVELOP A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ISSUES REGARDING THE INCARCERATION OF FEMALE INMATES AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS, the female inmate population continues to increase, as it approaches six hundred inmates at the women's correctional facility in Grants; and**

**WHEREAS, recidivism rates for female inmates are also on the rise, driven principally by drug use and drug addiction; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to address increasing incarceration and recidivism rates, it is advisable that there be a review of policies, procedures, services and programs attendant to the incarceration of female inmates; and**

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1           WHEREAS, the review should include consideration of  
2 classification polices and procedures, the use of  
3 administration segregation, policies and procedures for  
4 protecting female inmates from sexual assault and harassment,  
5 adequacy of medical and mental health services and polices and  
6 procedures concerning parole planning for female inmates;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be  
9 requested to develop a task force to examine issues set forth  
10 in this memorial regarding the incarceration of female  
11 inmates; and

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the warden of the women's  
13 correctional facility in Grants, a representative of  
14 corrections corporation of America, a representative of the  
15 New Mexico women's justice project, incorporated, a  
16 representative of the office of the attorney general, a  
17 representative of the public defender department, a district  
18 court judge, a representative of the office of health services  
19 of the corrections department and a representative of the  
20 classification office of the corrections department be invited  
21 to participate on the task force; and

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force prepare a  
23 written report of its findings and report its findings to an  
24 appropriate legislative interim committee prior to November 1,  
25 2002; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the warden of the women's correctional facility in Grants, corrections corporation of America, the New Mexico women's justice project, incorporated, the attorney general, the chief public defender, the district judge's association and the secretary of corrections.