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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION TO CONVENE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRACTICES AND FEE
STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico contracts with many
private, not-for-profit agencies to deliver an array of health
and human services; and

WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services
often have limited funding available to meet programmatic needs
and personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, workers' compensation premiums have dramatically
increased in recent years, resulting in financial hardship for
agencies providing health and human services; and

WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services may
be assigned to the workers' compensation high-risk pool with

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1 significantly higher costs, further jeopardizing fiscal
2 solvency for these agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, nonclassified employees and subcontractors may
4 have been erroneously classified, resulting in increased
5 premiums;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the workers'
8 compensation administration be requested to convene a task
9 force to study workers' compensation practices and fee
10 structures; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
12 representatives of the insurance division of the public
13 regulation commission, the department of health, the children,
14 youth and families department, the human services department,
15 not-for-profit community-based providers of developmental
16 disability services, providers of disabled and elderly
17 services, providers of mental health services and other health
18 and human service programs; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
20 findings and recommendations to the interim legislative health
21 and human services committee by its October 2006 meeting; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 sent to the workers' compensation administration.