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REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH AN UNBIASED AND FAIR PROCESS TO REVIEW
SCOPES OF PRACTICE OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS.

WHEREAS, the legislature seeks objective information on
proposed changes to health care scopes of practice or the
creation of new scopes of practice; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for scope of practice changes should
have a foundational basis within four areas: an established
history of the practice scope within the profession, education
and training, supporting evidence and an appropriate regulatory
environment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of any review and subsequent change
of any scope of practice is to promote better consumer care
across professions and providers, improve access to care and

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1 recognize the inevitability of overlapping scopes of practice;
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3 WHEREAS, some practice changes are the result of changes
4 already occurring in education or practice due to research,
5 advances in technology and changes in societal health care
6 demands;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim
9 legislative health and human services committee study and
10 recommend to the legislature an unbiased and fair process to
11 review proposed changes to scopes of practice of licensed
12 health professions and new health professions requesting
13 licensure; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the interim legislative health and human
16 services committee, each of the health-related licensing or
17 certification boards, the board of nursing and the New Mexico
18 medical board.