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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 59

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

BARBARA A. PEREA CASEY

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO  
COOPERATE IN THE PRESERVATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CHILD-  
CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource, and far  
too many of New Mexico's children live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, quality child-care services of every kind are  
critically necessary if today's young children are to become  
tomorrow's productive healthy citizens; and

WHEREAS, these same child-care services permit working  
parents to better support their families; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement rates for child care directly affect  
the quality of care available; and

WHEREAS, expected cuts in federal block and categorical  
grants seriously threaten continuation of a quality child-care

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1 delivery system for the working poor; and

2 WHEREAS, maintenance of effort in preserving key quality  
3 assurance components of a comprehensive quality child-care  
4 delivery system should include before- and after-school care  
5 programs and early childhood development programs; and

6 WHEREAS, a comprehensive quality child-care delivery system  
7 should include a monitoring section to ensure compliance with  
8 all appropriate licensing regulations and quality care  
9 standards; and

10 WHEREAS, such a system should also include community-based  
11 child-care resource and referral programs that provide training  
12 and technical assistance to both home-based and center-based  
13 providers; and

14 WHEREAS, a comprehensive quality child-care delivery system  
15 should support the statewide early child-care education and  
16 family support professional career lattice initiative and  
17 provide resource and referral services to parents; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to preserving a  
19 comprehensive quality child-care delivery system;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
22 department create and lead a child-care task force to ensure  
23 preservation of a comprehensive quality child-care delivery  
24 system; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include

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1 representatives from the human services department, the young  
2 children's continuum, the child development board, service  
3 providers, parents, early child-care and education professionals  
4 and organizations and the business community; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force make  
6 recommendations to ensure the maintenance and expansion of a  
7 high quality comprehensive child-care delivery system to the  
8 children, youth and families department, the human services  
9 department and the interim legislative health and human services  
10 committee; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of the task  
12 force address before- and after-school care and early childhood  
13 development programs, monitoring of compliance with regulations  
14 and quality care standards, community-based child-care and  
15 resource and referral programs and statewide early child-care  
16 education and family support; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of children,  
18 youth and families make appointments to the task force and  
19 notify the New Mexico legislative council of those appointees by  
20 May 1, 1996; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force make progress  
22 reports to the children, youth and families department and the  
23 interim legislative health and human services committee by the  
24 committee's first meeting in July 1996; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force make a report,

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1 including legislative recommendations, to the interim  
2 legislative health and human services committee at its first  
3 meeting in November 1996; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent  
5 to the secretary of children, youth and families and to the New  
6 Mexico legislative council.

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**State of New Mexico  
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FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 Excused: Knowles, Lujan, Nicely, Ryan, J. G. Taylor, Wallach

7 Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 11, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Baca, Charley, Vigil

Absent: None

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