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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

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

INTRODUCED BY
ELIZABETH T. STEFANICS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ASSESS DETENTION FACILITY
CONDITIONS AND RECOMMEND STANDARDS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

WHEREAS, there are more than fifty local detention
facilities in New Mexico, and more than two hundred thousand
people are detained in them each year; and

WHEREAS, these locally run detention facilities range in
age from one year to eighty years old, and, consequently,
facility conditions vary greatly, with some operating under high
standards and others operating only under consent decrees; and

WHEREAS, local government detention facilities face
numerous problems, including inadequate staff, low salaries,
overcrowding, substandard physical plants and non-uniform

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1 procedures; and

2 WHEREAS, local government detention facilities operate at
3 eighty percent capacity with an average daily population of four
4 thousand five hundred detainees, the vast majority of whom are
5 adults; and

6 WHEREAS, ten percent of all detainees are identified at
7 booking as suffering from mental illness, and it is believed
8 that figure reaches thirty percent of detainees when dual
9 diagnosis is taken into account;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, corrections
12 department and department of public safety be requested to study
13 and assess conditions in local government detention facilities
14 and recommend standards for improvement; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health,
16 corrections department and department of public safety seek
17 input and assistance from the New Mexico municipal league, the
18 New Mexico association of counties, the sheriffs' and police
19 chiefs' associations, tribal governments and the alliance for
20 the mentally ill of New Mexico (AMI); and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health,
22 corrections department and department of public safety report
23 on their progress by November 1, 1996 to the interim legislative
24 health and human services committee and the courts, corrections
25 and criminal justice committee or other appropriate interim

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1 committee of the legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
3 to the secretaries of health, corrections and public safety and
4 the governor.

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7 Mr. President:
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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, thence referred to the PUBLIC
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: EJennings, Aragon

Absent: None

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SECOND SESSION, 1996

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February 2, 1996

Mr. President:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 11, strike the comma and insert in lieu
thereof "AND".

2. On page 1, line 12, strike "AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY".

3. On page 2, line 10, strike the comma and insert in lieu
thereof "and the".

4. On page 2, line 11, strike "and department of public
safety".

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5. On page 2, line 14, strike the comma and insert in lieu thereof "and the".

6. On page 2, line 15, strike "and department of public safety".

7. On page 2, line 20, strike the comma and insert in lieu thereof "and the".

8. On page 2, line 21, strike "and department of public safety".

9. On page 3, line 2, strike the comma and insert in lieu thereof "and".

10. On page 3, line 2, strike "and public safety".

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Respectfully submitted,

Janice D. Paster, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Carraro, Cisneros, Tsosie, Vernon

Absent: None

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SECOND SESSION

February 6, 1996

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8,
as

amended

Amendment sponsored by Senator Elizabeth T. Stefanics

1. Strike Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment 2.

2. On page 1, strike lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and
insert in lieu thereof "TO STUDY THE STATUS OF THE MENTALLY ILL IN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DETENTION FACILITIES AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE
SERVICES. ".

3. On page 1, line 21, strike "only".

4. On page 2, strike lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and

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insert in lieu thereof "the status of the mentally ill in local
government detention facilities and recommend measures for
appropriate services; and".

Elizabeth T. Stefanics

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 13, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN 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,

Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chairwoman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Gentry, Hobbs, Macko, Pederson, Taylor, J. G.

Absent: None

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