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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 36

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

INTRODUCED BY

RICHARD M. ROMERO

FOR THE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE AND THE  
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION IN  
COOPERATION WITH PUBLICLY FUNDED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS TRAINING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE TO DEVELOP OPTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE SUPPLY AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF NEW MEXICO'S HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORK FORCE.

WHEREAS, health professionals are central to the state's  
health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the overall mix of health professionals is  
important to ensure the good health status of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, state appropriations directly support a  
significant percentage of health professionals' education, and  
it is estimated that between forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)  
and seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per student for each of  
the four years of education comes directly from the state; and

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1           WHEREAS, state governments play a significant role in  
2 graduate medical education and medical residency programs, and  
3 it is estimated that on average state funds support about  
4 twenty-five percent of all residency training programs; and

5           WHEREAS, an inappropriate supply or distribution of health  
6 care providers can increase the cost of health care; and

7           WHEREAS, federal support of health professionals' education  
8 and training is declining, particularly in funds received  
9 through the federal medicare program, which pays approximately  
10 seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) per medical resident per  
11 year; and

12           WHEREAS, as medicare revenues are curtailed, health  
13 professional training programs, especially medical residencies,  
14 will become more dependent on state government funding; and

15           WHEREAS, New Mexico has regulatory agencies for health  
16 professionals, which determine their scope of practice and  
17 competency requirements and that could be utilized to help  
18 determine provider supply, distribution and utilization of  
19 health professionals in the state;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy  
22 commission, in cooperation with publicly funded post-secondary  
23 educational institutions training health professionals, the  
24 commission on higher education and the department of health  
25 convene a task force to develop options that address the supply

1 and distribution of the health professional work force in the  
2 state that includes:

3 A. data collection to be submitted from post-  
4 secondary health professional training programs on the number of  
5 health professional applicants and graduates and the placement  
6 of those graduates in the work force;

7 B. data collection to be submitted on currently  
8 practicing health care providers in New Mexico, including data  
9 on where the providers were trained, the medical practices in  
10 which they are licensed, current practice locations and fields  
11 of medicine being practiced;

12 C. the establishment of standards and benchmarks to  
13 target access to health care providers and services;

14 D. prioritization of health care needs in geographic  
15 areas and health profession categories that serve those needs;

16 E. determination of what the state receives from its  
17 health professional training programs and the value of the  
18 funding for those programs, including telecommunication and  
19 distance education programs;

20 F. evaluation of publicly funded post-secondary  
21 health professional training programs for effectiveness,  
22 efficiency and affordability;

23 G. assessment of recruitment and retention programs  
24 in relation to cost-effectiveness and health professional  
25 distribution inside and outside the state;

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1 H. review of transportation to medical services  
2 related to having access to health care providers and services;

3 I. identification of health care service needs to  
4 assess the impact of current funding appropriated to health  
5 professional training programs;

6 J. review of mechanisms to equalize the distribution  
7 of providers across the state, including studies of  
8 reimbursement methods, incentives, realignment of training  
9 programs and inducements tied to licensure and regulation;

10 K. evaluation of publicly funded post-secondary  
11 educational institution appropriations to health professional  
12 education programs regarding funding linkages to specific goals  
13 established by the task force based on the state's specific  
14 health care needs, such as provider mix, geographic distribution  
15 of health professional graduates and specialty diversity of  
16 health professionals;

17 L. review of whether more professional obligations  
18 should be placed on health professionals who graduate from  
19 state-sponsored health professional education programs;

20 M. development of a mechanism for central  
21 maintenance of a data system for health professional supply and  
22 distribution information; and

23 N. development of a mechanism to allow ongoing  
24 oversight of information and data gathering regarding health  
25 professional supply and distribution; and

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Absent: 0

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Benavides, Carraro, Duran, Scott

Absent: None

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your EDUCATION 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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**Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against  
Yes: 9  
Excused: Trujillo, Weeks, SM Willaims  
Absent: None

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