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HOUSE MEMORIAL 15

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

NICK L. SALAZAR

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEADERSHIP TO ESTABLISH
A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO REVIEW THE LEVEL OF SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO THE
ADULT COMMUNITY IN NEED OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND TO OVERSEE
THE MANNER IN WHICH ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED.

WHEREAS, in 1989 the legislature recognized that some
members of the adult population of the state were in need of
services because they were unable to manage their own affairs or
to protect themselves from exploitation, abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Act was enacted to
address the problems recognized by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the adult protective services program was moved
administratively to the children, youth and families department
in the early 1990s from the human services department; and

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1 WHEREAS, since that time the program has had twelve staff
2 positions reassigned to perform duties not related to providing
3 adult protective services; and

4 WHEREAS, providing adult protective services is evidently
5 not a priority within the children, youth and families
6 department;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a subcommittee
9 of the house of representatives be appointed by the house
10 leadership to review and assess the implementation of the Adult
11 Protective Services Act; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee be charged
13 with reviewing the attendant care program and the adequacy of
14 training received by the adult protective services workers;
15 determining if the adult abuse prevention unit should be moved
16 to the protective services division of the children, youth and
17 families department; and assessing the progress of the children,
18 youth and families department in improving facility
19 investigations to ensure accurate and timely reporting of client
20 exploitation, abuse and neglect at facilities in the state, the
21 need for guardians for incapacitated adults and for cooperative
22 efforts between and the adequacy of staffing of the department
23 of health, the state agency on aging and the protective services
24 division as those agencies provide services to adults and
25 developmentally disabled individuals who are in need of

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1 protective services; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee identify
3 issues regarding the provision of protective services to adults
4 that can be resolved by legislation and develop the necessary
5 legislation to resolve those issues; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee report at each
7 future session of the legislature on its progress and the need
8 to continue in its work; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the leadership of the house of representatives
11 for their consideration and action.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 17, 1997

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,

Gary King, Chairman

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Johnson, Rios, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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