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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 31

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO  
ESTABLISH THE GEOGRAPHIC ACCESS DATA SYSTEM

WHEREAS, it is the health policy of the state to ensure the appropriate availability of health services throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the state expends over forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) in state revenues to educate, train, recruit and retain health professionals through programs administered by a variety of state entities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico health policy commission is charged with the collection and analysis of data needed to implement and monitor progress toward the state health policy, including the supply and distribution of health professionals and service; and

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1           WHEREAS, multiple health studies and task forces in the  
2 past have noted the inadequacy of data necessary to adequately  
3 assess health service access and capacity and the impact of  
4 initiative to improve geographic access; and

5           WHEREAS, numerous entities are in need of enhanced  
6 information on geographic access and health services capacity  
7 to effectively administer, conduct planning and policymaking  
8 and to allocate limited resources; and

9           WHEREAS, the regulation and licensing department and  
10 other state agencies routinely interact with health  
11 professionals and facilities in the state, collecting data as  
12 part of their normal course of operations;

13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico health policy  
15 commission implement a centralized geographic access data  
16 system to provide a single point of access to data and  
17 information to assist the legislature, state agencies and  
18 other entities in administering programs, planning,  
19 formulating policy and allocating resources to improve  
20 geographic access to health services; and

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexico state  
22 departments and agencies possessing data pertinent to the  
23 geographic supply and distribution of health professionals and  
24 health services, including health professional education and  
25 training programs; initiatives funded or administered by the

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1 state to improve the supply and distribution of health  
2 professionals and services; and state entities licensing,  
3 certifying or registering health professionals and facilities,  
4 cooperate with and assist the New Mexico health policy  
5 commission in the implementation of a centralized geographic  
6 access data system, including contributing data currently  
7 maintained and serving as a vehicle for the collection of  
8 supplemental survey data and information; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health policy  
10 commission report to the appropriate legislative committee by  
11 October 1, 1998 on the status of the implementation of the  
12 geographic access data system and the adequacy of data  
13 availability; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
15 sent to the chairman of the New Mexico health policy  
16 commission for distribution to all appropriate departments,  
17 agencies and other persons.

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to  
11 whom has been referred  
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
17 CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

18 Respectfully submitted,  
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23 Sheryl M. Williams, Chairman  
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10 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 6

12 Excused: Gentry, Roberts

13 Absent: None

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7 **Mr. Speaker:**

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9 **Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to**  
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21 **Gary K. King, Chairman**

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11 Yes: 8

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