

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 32

2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

3 INTRODUCED BY

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8 FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION  
12 WITH THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION, DEVELOP A METHOD  
13 TO TRACK THE DISPOSITION OF WELFARE CLIENTS WHO LOSE WELFARE  
14 BENEFITS WITH REGARD TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE IMPACT OF THE  
15 UNINSURED ON INDIGENT FUNDS AND CHARITY CARE.

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17 WHEREAS, it is a stated goal of welfare reform to reduce  
18 dependency on temporary assistance funds and find jobs for  
19 recipients; and

20 WHEREAS, recipients of welfare benefits also receive  
21 medicaid benefits; and

22 WHEREAS, most recipients who find jobs and lose welfare  
23 benefits also lose access to medicaid coverage; and

24 WHEREAS, an estimated thirty-seven percent of all New  
25 Mexicans have no health insurance and nearly eighty percent of

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1 the uninsured are employed; and

2 WHEREAS, statistics indicate that forty-nine percent of  
3 businesses in New Mexico do not offer health insurance  
4 benefits to their employees; and

5 WHEREAS, any increase in the number of uninsured people  
6 will place a burden on the health care delivery system by  
7 increasing use of indigent funds and the provision of charity  
8 care and other unintended results;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be  
11 requested to establish a task force in conjunction with the  
12 New Mexico health policy commission, the New Mexico hospital  
13 and health systems association and the New Mexico association  
14 of counties to develop a method to track recipients who lose  
15 welfare benefits in order to determine whether these  
16 individuals obtain health insurance benefits in their new  
17 jobs; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an analysis be performed to  
19 determine the potential impact that the reduction in welfare  
20 recipients can have on the number of uninsured people in the  
21 state, on the use of indigent funds and on the provision of  
22 charity care; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department  
24 and the New Mexico health policy commission present a report  
25 to the appropriate interim legislative committee by September

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1, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the secretary of human services, the chairman of the New Mexico health policy commission, the executive director of the New Mexico association of counties and the president of the New Mexico hospital and health systems association.

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6 February 10, 1998  
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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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8 Date \_\_\_\_\_

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10 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 5

12 Excused: Gentry, Marquardt, Roberts

13 Absent: None

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1 **FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
2 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**

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7 **Mr. Speaker:**

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9 **Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to**  
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14 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

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21 **Gary K. King, Chairman**  
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11 Yes: 6

12 No: Dana

13 Excused: Crook, Heaton, Sandel

14 Absent: None

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