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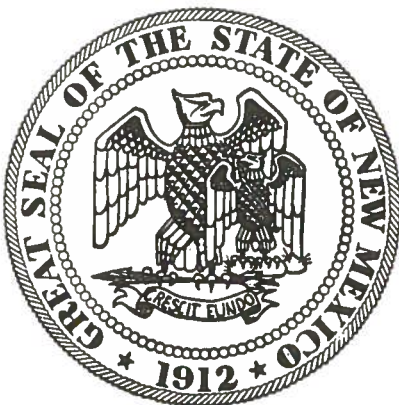
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 52

Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEL P. GARCÍA



1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM
3 REPORT TO AND CONSULT WITH THE LEGISLATURE ABOUT EXPENDITURES
4 AND ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE THIRTY-FOUR-MILLION-TWO-
5 HUNDRED-THOUSAND-DOLLAR (\$34,200,000) FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE
6 EXCHANGE ESTABLISHMENT GRANT.

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8 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2010, the federal Patient
9 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, also known as the
10 Affordable Care Act, was signed into law; and

11 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act requires each state to
12 set up a health insurance exchange by 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, states must demonstrate readiness to operate a
14 health insurance exchange by January 1, 2013 or, as provided
15 for in the Affordable Care Act, the federal government will
16 establish a health insurance exchange for the state; and

17 WHEREAS, in November 2011, the New Mexico office of
18 health care reform applied for a level-one health insurance
19 exchange establishment grant from the United States department
20 of health and human services to establish a health insurance
21 exchange in New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States department of health and
23 human services awarded New Mexico a level-one health insurance
24 exchange establishment grant in the amount of approximately
25 thirty-four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$34,200,000)

1 for a one-year period through November 29, 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, the purposes of the establishment grant are to
3 develop and implement a multi-year exchange business and
4 operation plan, amend state laws and develop capacity in core
5 areas identified by the United States department of health and
6 human services that are necessary to achieve health insurance
7 exchange certification by January 2013; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States department of health and
9 human services has issued guidance stating that an important
10 milestone toward implementing a health insurance exchange is
11 to establish a governance structure in consultation with
12 stakeholders; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature must enact
14 legislation to establish the necessary legal authority for a
15 health insurance exchange; and

16 WHEREAS, it is important that the legislature be
17 regularly informed and consulted with about the state's
18 activities under the establishment grant;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
21 office of health care reform be requested to provide periodic
22 reports throughout calendar year 2012 on expenditures made and
23 activities performed pursuant to the health insurance exchange
24 establishment grant to the interim legislative health and
25 human services committee, the legislative finance committee

1 and any other legislative committee or work group designated
2 to oversee health care reform implementation efforts in New
3 Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico office of
5 health care reform be requested to inform and consult with the
6 interim legislative health and human services committee and
7 any other legislative committee or work group designated to
8 oversee health care reform implementation efforts in the state
9 about the office's activities to fulfill the federal health
10 insurance exchange establishment grant obligations, which
11 include developing the state's capacity in the following core
12 areas identified by the United States department of health and
13 human services:

- 14 A. background research;
- 15 B. stakeholder consultation;
- 16 C. legislative and regulatory action;
- 17 D. governance;
- 18 E. program integration;
- 19 F. exchange information technology systems;
- 20 G. financial management;
- 21 H. oversight and program activity;
- 22 I. health insurance market reforms;
- 23 J. assistance to consumers and small businesses,
24 coverage appeals and complaints; and
- 25 K. the business operations of the exchange; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and the director of the New Mexico office of health care reform.



BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES