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HOUSE MEMORIAL 48

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HOSPITALS CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CREATE A LIVER TRANSPLANTATION INSTITUTE IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, there are one hundred thirty-seven liver transplantation programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of programs perform fewer than sixty liver transplantations per year; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is one of only twelve states in the nation that does not have an active liver transplantation program, and in region five of the united network for organ sharing there are active programs only in California and Arizona; and

WHEREAS, current New Mexico residents requiring liver

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1 transplantation are required to leave the state for this life-  
2 saving service; and

3 WHEREAS, there are currently one hundred sixty-five state  
4 residents listed in other states for liver transplantations and  
5 one hundred fifty-three livers were exported from New Mexico to  
6 other states in the last four years; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico has the opportunity to position itself  
8 as a leader in liver transplantation services both in the state  
9 and the region, reducing waiting time and increasing the  
10 likelihood of other organ transplantations; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico stands to develop a new program based  
12 best practices that allows both vertical and horizontal  
13 differentiation from other programs in the region; and

14 WHEREAS, a New Mexico liver transplantation institute  
15 could develop national recognition and become a model for a  
16 multi-organ transplant program;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
19 of health and university of New Mexico hospitals be requested  
20 to conduct a feasibility study and develop a memorandum of  
21 understanding with other health providers in the state to  
22 determine steps necessary to create a liver transplantation  
23 institute in New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study create plans that  
25 can be set into action to maximize the use of possible funds

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1 that the federal government may make available; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study and  
3 memorandum of understanding, when complete, be presented to the  
4 appropriate interim legislative committees by October 31, 2013  
5 and that a copy of the study be submitted to the library of the  
6 legislative council service; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the secretary of health, the executive medical  
9 director of university of New Mexico hospitals and the  
10 governor.