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**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY FUNDING LEVELS AND NEW SOURCES OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON CAVERNOUS ANGIOMA, A DISEASE THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS HISPANIC NEW MEXICANS.

WHEREAS, cavernous angioma is a devastating blood vessel disease that has enormous consequences for those affected and their families; and

WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas are formations in the brain that cannot be detected easily except through very specific medical scans; and

WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas appear to be passed from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, those with a cavernous angioma should not take

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1 blood thinners or aspirin, but are rarely aware that they have  
2 the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, medications are in clinical trials that may  
4 mitigate the effects of the illness for those who are  
5 diagnosed; and

6 WHEREAS, cavernous angiomas are more common in New Mexico  
7 than elsewhere because of a genetic mutation passed down from  
8 the earliest Hispanic settlers; and

9 WHEREAS, a person with a cavernous angioma may go  
10 undiagnosed until sudden death or stroke;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the board  
13 of regents of the university of New Mexico be requested to  
14 appoint a committee to study funding levels and new sources of  
15 funding to support research on cavernous angioma; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be requested to  
17 devise educational campaigns that use the resources available  
18 to government agencies and hospitals to inform New Mexico  
19 residents of the dangers and warning signs of cavernous  
20 angioma; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee discuss with New  
22 Mexico health care providers the most appropriate international  
23 statistical classification of diseases codes to improve  
24 tracking of the illness in New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee request New

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1 Mexico primary health care providers to report to the  
2 department of health the number of patients diagnosed with  
3 cerebral cavernous malformation in the provider's caseload by  
4 December 31, 2019; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee encourage health  
6 care providers to recommend genetic testing for those most at  
7 risk for the illness by virtue of family history or symptoms;  
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee request that the  
10 medical assistance division of the human services department  
11 determine if reimbursement through medicaid is available for  
12 genetic testing of those Hispanic New Mexico residents at risk  
13 for the illness; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee report its  
15 findings and its educational efforts to the interim legislative  
16 health and human services committee by November 1, 2020; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the secretary of health and the president of the  
19 board of regents of the university of New Mexico.