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HOUSE MEMORIAL 55

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR AND THE COST OF ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS IN NEW MEXICO SHOULD THE RECREATIONAL USE OF CANNABIS BE LEGALIZED IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, eleven states and the District of Columbia have legalized the recreational use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Canada has legalized the recreational use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three states have legalized the medical use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, other states have drastically reduced the criminal penalties for the possession of small amounts of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to legalize the recreational use of

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1 cannabis by adults was passed by the New Mexico house of  
2 representatives in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, proposals to legalize the recreational use of  
4 cannabis by adults are pending in the New Mexico senate and  
5 house of representatives and have been endorsed by the  
6 governor; and

7 WHEREAS, there is concern that the legalization of the  
8 recreational use of cannabis by adults in New Mexico will lead  
9 to an increased incidence of drug abuse and addiction in New  
10 Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department  
13 of health be requested to study the potential need for and the  
14 cost of establishing additional drug treatment centers in New  
15 Mexico should the recreational use of cannabis be legalized in  
16 New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before October 1, 2020,  
18 the department of health report to the appropriate interim  
19 legislative committees the department's findings regarding the  
20 potential need for and the cost of establishing additional drug  
21 treatment centers in New Mexico should the recreational use of  
22 cannabis be legalized in New Mexico; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of health.