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NHCSL Names New Chairs of Health Care Business & Economic Development Task Forces

Washington, D.C. – The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) is proud to announce that Representative Louis Ruiz (KS) has been named Chair of the Health Care Task Force and Senator Donovan Dela Cruz (HI) was named Chair of the Business & Economic Development Task Force. "I am confident Representative Ruiz (KS) and Senator Dela Cruz (HI) will be valuable additions to our organizations Task Forces", said Representative Minnie Gonzalez (CT), NHCSL President. "They have both made great strides in the areas of health and economic development and with their expertise in these areas, NHCSL will continue to be leaders in developing policy platforms that will advance the quality of life and economic stability of all Hispanics".

Representative Louis Ruiz (KS) serves on the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight in Kansas and has also formed a Mental Health Caucus within the Kansas House in 2011. His dedication to improving the well-being of Hispanics will be an asset to the Health Care Task Force as it continues on the path to eliminating restrictions and barriers to healthcare access; fighting against health disparities; and promoting education and training in schools.

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz (HI) currently serves as the Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Housing in Hawaii. Members of the Business & Economic Development Task Force encourage job growth and the investment of Hispanics in the work force while also promoting financial literacy, home ownership, and access to capital/credit. The economic stability and financial security of Hispanics is a major policy focus for NHCSL. With Senator Dela Cruz's (HI) experience, NHCSL will continue its commitment to advocating for the economic vitality of the Hispanic community.

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The NHCSL is the premier national association of Hispanic state legislators working to design and implement policies and procedures that will improve the quality of life for Hispanics throughout the country. NHCSL was founded in 1989 as a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to be the most effective voice for the more than 340 Hispanic legislators. For more information visit <u>www.nhcsl.org</u>.