
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404

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By Representatives Schmick, Cody, Hinkle, and Frockt

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1 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act became law
2 on March 23, 2010, enacting broad changes to every element of the
3 nation's health care system over the course of a four-year period; and

4 WHEREAS, Through 2014, the federal government will be adopting
5 numerous regulations to implement the patient protection and affordable
6 care act that state policymakers will need to actively follow so that
7 the state can develop the most appropriate response to the changes in
8 the health care system for the people of the state of Washington; and

9 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act raises many
10 policy considerations that states will have to review prior to
11 implementing the act, including the creation of a health benefit
12 exchange, the expansion of medicaid, health insurance design, the
13 development of a dynamic health care workforce, and the role of public
14 health and prevention efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation
16 was established in 2010 to provide a forum for public comment and
17 expert advice on the development of Washington's response to the
18 patient protection and affordable care act; and

19 WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation

1 expires on July 1, 2011, despite the need to continue to monitor
2 changes to the health care system and the implementation activities of
3 the executive branch;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
5 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the joint select
6 committee on health reform implementation continue its work; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health
8 reform implementation shall continue to be cochaired by the chairs of
9 the health committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate,
10 and leadership of the two largest caucuses in the House of
11 Representatives and the Senate shall each appoint two additional
12 legislators to serve on the joint select committee on health reform
13 implementation; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cochairs may direct the formation
15 of advisory committees, if desired, to focus on specific topic areas,
16 such as insurance regulation, access and expansion of public and
17 private programs, and workforce issues, and may invite interested
18 stakeholders and additional experts to advise the joint select
19 committee on health reform implementation; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all participation in the joint select
21 committee on health reform implementation and any advisory committee is
22 without compensation; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health
24 reform implementation expires on or before June 30, 2014.

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