UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 14-187
Second Regular Session - Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

The bill creates the Colorado commission on affordable health care and tasks the commission with studying and making recommendations regarding health care costs, focusing on evidence-based cost controls and access *to* and quality of *health* care. The governor and legislative leadership from both houses and parties are to appoint the 12-member commission, assuring representation from across the state and by individuals with expertise in various subject areas, including health care administration, financing, delivery, and consumption. Additionally, the commissioner of insurance, the executive directors of the departments of public health and environment, human services, and health care policy and financing, and an administrator from the all-payer health claims database serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission.

The commission is to make recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory modifications that could make health care affordable while improving access *to* and quality of health care.

The commission may hire staff *and contract with experts* to facilitate its work ~~and may request the office of legislative legal services to provide staff to attend commission meetings~~ and provide support for the commission's activities.

The commission is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and donations to fund the commission's duties. Additionally, for the 2014-15 fiscal year, the general assembly is to appropriate $400,000 to the commission.

The commission is repealed on July 1, 2017.

The bill appropriates $400,000 from the general fund to the department of public health and environment, for allocation to the commission to perform its functions as specified in the bill.