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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-021

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY**
102 **WAYS TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR**
103 **ALL COLORADANS.**

1 WHEREAS, The Colorado Health Benefit Exchange estimates that
2 even with full implementation of the federal "Patient Protection and
3 Affordable Care Act", hereinafter referred to as the "Affordable Care
4 Act", Colorado will still have 400,000 people without health insurance;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office's estimates indicate
7 that despite the fact that the Affordable Care Act will slow the growth
8 rate of health care spending, health care costs are still expected to
9 increase to as much as 18.5% of the nation's gross domestic product in

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1 coming years; and

2 WHEREAS, Section 1332 of the Affordable Care Act allows each
3 state the opportunity to obtain waivers from the health insurance
4 exchange program to create a unique health care system as long as the
5 system is at least as comprehensive as its residents would receive through
6 the exchange, is at least as affordable as the exchange, is deficit-neutral
7 to the federal government, and covers at least as many people as would
8 be covered by the exchange; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Friedman has created a report on the
10 economic implications of three alternative programs for financing and
11 delivering health care in Colorado entitled: "Three Possibilities for
12 Colorado's Future Health Care Financing and Delivery"; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman's report indicates that if Colorado were
14 to design a unique, cooperative-based health care system, by 2024 the
15 costs for health care in Colorado would decrease from 18.5% of the gross
16 domestic product, the predicted percentage with the implementation of
17 the exchange, to 14.5% of the gross domestic product; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman's report also projects that the number
19 of uninsured in Colorado would decrease from 4% to .3% in 2018 under
20 a Colorado plan; now, therefore,

21 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
22 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

23 (1) That there shall be a legislative committee, hereinafter referred
24 to as the "committee", that shall meet in the interim after the first regular
25 session of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly to study and analyze ways
26 to create a unique Colorado health care system that provides affordable
27 and comprehensive coverage to all Coloradans;

28 (2) (a) That the committee shall consist of 19 members, appointed
29 as follows:

30 (I) Two members of the Senate who serve on the Health and
31 Human Services Committee, one appointed by the President of the Senate
32 and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

33 (II) Two members of the House of Representatives who serve on

1 either on the Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee or the
2 Public Health Care and Human Services Committee, one appointed by the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the
4 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

5 (III) Two members who represent consumers, one appointed by
6 the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one appointed by
7 the majority leader of the Senate;

8 (IV) Two members who represent rural communities, one
9 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one
10 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

11 (V) Four members who are employers, one appointed by the
12 majority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the
13 minority leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the
14 majority leader of the Senate, and one appointed by the minority leader
15 of the Senate;

16 (VI) One member who represents health insurance carriers,
17 appointed by the Governor;

18 (VII) One member who represents hospitals, appointed by the
19 Governor;

20 (VIII) Two members who are direct care providers, appointed by
21 the Governor, and at least one of whom accepts Medicaid;

22 (IX) One member who represents an accountable care
23 organization or integrated health care system, appointed by the Governor;

24 (X) One member who is a mental health care provider, appointed
25 by the Governor; and

26 (XI) One member who represents dentists, appointed by the
27 Governor;

28 (b) The individuals making the appointments shall make a
29 good-faith effort to appoint members who represent diverse political,
30 geographic, and ethnic populations;

31 (c) The individuals making the appointments shall make all

1 appointments to the committee within 45 days after the effective date of
2 this resolution;

3 (3) That the committee may solicit and accept reports and public
4 testimony and consider the following issues:

5 (a) The economic, population, provider, and business impacts of
6 creating a unique Colorado health care financing and delivery system
7 based on Dr. Friedman's report;

8 (b) Innovative options to meet the health care needs of all people
9 residing in Colorado; and

10 (c) Recommendations to establish a unique Colorado state plan
11 that meets the federal requirements in order to receive the appropriate
12 waivers to implement the plan as required by section 1332 of the
13 Affordable Care Act;

14 (4) That the committee shall meet no more than 6 times, beginning
15 on or before August 1, 2013, during the 2013 interim. Each meeting of
16 the committee must include an opportunity for public comment on items
17 related to the committee's agenda;

18 (5) That the committee shall submit a written report of its findings
19 and recommendations, including specific recommendations for a unique
20 Colorado health care financing and delivery system, to the Health and
21 Human Services Committee of the Senate, or its successor committee,
22 and the Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee and the Public
23 Health Care and Human Services Committee of the House of
24 Representatives on or before December 15, 2013;

25 (6) That one or more legislative members of the committee may
26 sponsor legislation recommended for introduction by the committee,
27 subject to the limitations imposed by the Joint Rules of the House of
28 Representatives and the Senate regarding interim committee legislation;

29 (7) That the members of the committee shall not be compensated
30 for attendance at meetings of the committee; and

31 (8) That the Legislative Council staff and the Office of Legislative
32 Legal Services shall be available to assist the committee in carrying out
33 its duties.