

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ACCEPTING THE SINGLE PAYOR AND MULTIPLE PAYOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS PLANS PREPARED BY THE MONTANA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY; URGING CONTINUED ACTIVITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS; AND URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF MARKET-BASED SEQUENTIAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 285 of the 53rd Legislature created the Montana Health Care Authority, required the Authority to report both a single payor and multiple payor universal health care access plan to the 1995 Legislature, and requires the 1995 Legislature to vote on both the single payor and multiple payor plans; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Health Care Authority has fulfilled its statutory duties by preparing a final report containing recommendations for single payor and multiple payor universal health care access plans, held public hearings on the plans and on the report, and transmitted the plans and report to the Governor and to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the single payor plan would cost Montana approximately \$900 million a year to implement, and the multiple payor plan would cost Montana approximately \$130 million a year to implement; and

WHEREAS, implementation of either plan will require significant legislation and legislative appropriations, but there is insufficient state revenue at this time to implement either the complete single payor or multiple payor plan as written; and

WHEREAS, nationwide health care reform has been delayed because of the failure of the United States Congress to pass federal legislation providing for comprehensive health care reform; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 has not been amended to allow states to enact comprehensive health care reform laws covering public or private self-insured public health care plans; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Montana Health Care Authority has developed a list of alternatives to the single
2 payor and multiple payor plans that provides for a market-based sequential approach to health care reform
3 in Montana.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 STATE OF MONTANA:

7 (1) That the single payor and multiple payor health care access plans prepared by the Montana
8 Health Care Authority pursuant to section 50-4-301, MCA, and contained in the documents entitled
9 "Statewide Universal Health Care Access Plans", volumes I through V, dated October 1, 1994, be
10 accepted.

11 (2) That the plans accepted in subsection (1), portions of those plans, or other features of health
12 care reform prepared by the Montana Health Care Authority be implemented through a market-based
13 sequential health care reform process.

14 (3) That the Legislature reaffirm the goal of affordable access to health care coverage and services
15 for all Montanans and that the State of Montana continue within the limits of legislative appropriations to
16 work toward the achievement of this goal and toward achievement of the other health care reform goals
17 expressed in Senate Bill No. 285, including increased access, cost containment, and health care
18 infrastructure improvements.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State deliver a copy of this resolution to the
20 Executive Director and presiding officer of the Board of the Montana Health Care Authority.

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7 CARE ACCESS PLANS PREPARED BY THE MONTANA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED;
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14 Legislature to vote on both the single payor and multiple payor plans; and

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16 report containing recommendations for single payor and multiple payor universal health care access plans,
17 held public hearings on the plans and on the report, and transmitted the plans and report to the Governor
18 and to the Legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, THIS RESOLUTION SIGNIFIES ONLY THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS RECEIVED THE
20 FINAL REPORT FROM THE MONTANA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY AND DOES NOT REFLECT APPROVAL
21 OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
22 SINGLE PAYOR AND A MULTIPLE PAYOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS PLAN; AND

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30 States Congress to pass federal legislation providing for comprehensive health care reform; and



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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Joint Select Committee on Health Care report that Senate Joint Resolution 14 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: 
Steve Benedict, Chair

Carried by: Rep. Simon

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 19.

Strike: "ONLY".

2. Page 1, line 23 through page 1, line 30.

Strike: page 1, line 23 through page 1, line 30 in their entirety

3. Page 2, lines 8 through 10.

Strike: "RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPLEMENT"

Insert: "several approaches to"

Following: "Montana"

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "MERITS." on line 10

Insert: "; and

WHEREAS, the members and staff of the Montana Health Care Authority have devoted significant time to studying the issue of health care, and the people of Montana appreciate their hard work and dedication."

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Committee Vote:
Yes 0, No 0.

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