

House Resolution No. 6012

By Committee on Insurance

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1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the state of Kansas to enter into a state
2 partnership health insurance exchange.

3 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act (public law
4 111-148), as amended by the federal health care and education
5 reconciliation act of 2010 provided that states have the option to establish
6 their own health insurance exchange; and

7 WHEREAS, The time for the state of Kansas to establish its own
8 health insurance exchange pursuant to the patient protection and
9 affordable care act (public law 111-148), as amended by the federal
10 health care and education reconciliation act of 2010 has passed; and

11 WHEREAS, If the state of Kansas wishes to have any control over
12 any health care exchange which may sell health insurance policies in this
13 state, then the state of Kansas should seriously consider entering into a
14 state partnership health insurance exchange with the federal department
15 of health and human services; and

16 WHEREAS, Entry into a state partnership health insurance exchange
17 with the federal department of health and human services would be
18 highly beneficial to the people of this state because the department of
19 insurance then could continue to approve insurance rates, as well as
20 approve policies offered on the exchange, and assist Kansas consumers
21 with their complaints; and

22 WHEREAS, The time period in which the state of Kansas can enter
23 into a state partnership health insurance exchange is quite short and ends
24 on February 15, 2013: Now, therefore,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
26 That we encourage the commissioner of insurance to take all steps
27 necessary to enter into a state partnership health insurance exchange with
28 the federal department of health and human services.

29 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor
31 Sam Brownback; Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance; and
32 Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
33 Services.