

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

### House Resolution

H.R. 17

House resolution relating to the submission of a financing proposal for Green Mountain Care to the General Assembly

Offered by: Representatives Browning of Arlington, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Bouchard of Colchester, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Quimby of Concord, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 48, Sec. 4 added 33 V.S.A. chapter 18, subchapter 2, establishing Green Mountain Care to serve, upon the meeting of certain conditions, as a publicly financed universal health care system, and

Whereas, Sec. 9 of No. 48 required the Secretary of Administration to submit a plan that would “recommend the amounts and necessary mechanisms to finance Green Mountain Care” to the House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance “no later than January 15, 2013,” and

Whereas, the Secretary of Administration failed to submit any financing plan by January 15, 2013, and

Whereas, on January 24, 2013, the Secretary of Administration submitted to the committees of jurisdiction a report that discussed possible financing mechanisms but failed to make any recommendations or set forth any proposals for financing Green Mountain Care, and

Whereas, more than a year has passed since the deadline for a Green Mountain Care financing plan and the Secretary of Administration has still failed to comply with the law, and

Whereas, it is past time for the Administration to submit its Green Mountain Care financing proposal to the General Assembly, and

Whereas, Vermonters in general, and members of the General Assembly in particular, need to understand how this new health care system will be financed, and

Whereas, the Administration should produce one or more financing plans by March 31, 2014, and

Whereas, if a fully developed financing plan or plans have not been finalized by this date, the Administration should submit any drafts, reports, or memos related to financing Green Mountain Care, and



Whereas, the House Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters related to the revenues of the State and is the appropriate Committee to serve as the recipient of the Green Mountain Care financing materials, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body directs the House Committee on Ways and Means to request the Secretary of Administration to submit to the Committee, on or before March 31, 2014, one or more financing proposals for Green Mountain Care, or alternatively if a proposal has not been developed by this date, that the House Committee on Ways and Means request that the Administration submit any drafts, reports, or memos related to financing Green Mountain Care, and be it further

Resolved: That in the event the Administration does not submit one or more financing proposals, or alternatively any drafts, reports, or memos related to financing Green Mountain Care, on or before March 31, 2014, this body authorizes the House Committee on Ways and Means to issue a subpoena to the Secretary of Administration for the requested documents, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Administration.