
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8401

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Becker, Frockt, Dammeier, and Schlicher)

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1 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act became law
2 on March 23, 2010, enacting broad changes to every element of the
3 nation's health care system over the course of a four-year period; and
4 WHEREAS, While the patient protection and affordable care act will
5 ensure that all persons in Washington have access to health care,
6 concerns of increasing health care costs remain; and
7 WHEREAS, Several state and public entities, including the newly
8 created health benefit exchange, have different roles in implementing
9 health care policy in the state. These entities are not required to
10 coordinate their activities; and
11 WHEREAS, Better coordination and oversight between the health care
12 authority, the health benefit exchange, the office of the insurance
13 commissioner, the department of health, and the department of social
14 and health services will lead to efficiencies in health care delivery
15 and ultimately cost savings to the state;
16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the senate of the state of
17 Washington, the house of representatives concurring, That a joint
18 select committee on health care oversight be established; and
19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That membership of the joint select
20 committee on health care oversight must consist of the following: (1)

1 The chairs of the health care committees of the senate and the house of
2 representatives, who must serve as cochairs; (2) four additional
3 members of the senate, two each appointed by the leadership of the two
4 largest political parties in the senate; and (3) four additional
5 members of the house of representatives, two each appointed by the
6 leadership of the two largest political parties in the house of
7 representatives. The governor must be invited to appoint, as a liaison
8 to the joint select committee, a person who must be a nonvoting member;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health
11 care oversight must provide oversight between the health care
12 authority, health benefit exchange, the office of the insurance
13 commissioner, the department of health, and the department of social
14 and health services. The goal must be to ensure that these entities
15 are not duplicating their efforts and are working toward a goal of
16 increased quality of services which will lead to reduced costs to the
17 health care consumer. The joint select committee on health care
18 oversight must coordinate with the research and data analysis division
19 of the department of social and health services to monitor health care
20 cost trends; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health
22 care oversight must, as necessary, propose legislation to the health
23 care committees and budget recommendations to the ways and means
24 committees of the legislature that aids in their coordination of
25 activities and that leads to better quality and cost savings.

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