
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

JUNE 1, 2019

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to study the feasibility, viability and design of a public healthcare insurance plan that may be offered to all residents of this State. (BDR R-1284)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, Nevada continually ranks among the lowest of all
2 states in national healthcare rankings; and

3 WHEREAS, Nevada faces difficulties in attracting private
4 providers of health insurance to the Nevada marketplace; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the State maintains a robust system of
6 healthcare coverage for the public sector that supports more than
7 70,000 Nevadans through the Public Employees' Benefits Program,
8 small businesses and individual participants in the Nevada
9 healthcare insurance market face expensive or insufficient options
10 for healthcare coverage; and

11 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has an inherent interest in
12 protecting the health, safety and general welfare of all Nevadans;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
15 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is
16 hereby directed to study the feasibility, viability and design of a
17 public healthcare insurance plan that is made available to all
18 residents of this State and that will:

19 1. Improve stability in the health insurance market in this State;
20 2. Reduce the number of Nevadans without health insurance
21 coverage; and



1 3. Increase access to affordable coverage for health care and
2 services to all Nevadans; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That to complete the study, the Legislative
4 Commission may enter into a contract with one or more consultants
5 to conduct an actuarial or other appropriate analyses to determine:

6 1. The feasibility of offering a public option health insurance
7 plan that is established to allow any resident of this State to
8 participate in the Public Employees' Benefits Program and the effect
9 that such an option would have on individual and small group health
10 insurance markets;

11 2. The amount of premiums charged by health insurers in this
12 State and the premiums that would need to be charged to persons
13 who elect to participate in a public option health insurance plan
14 within the Public Employees' Benefits Program;

15 3. Any plan modifications that may need to be made to the
16 Public Employees' Benefits Program if offered as a public option
17 health insurance plan;

18 4. Any reasonable and allowable requirements to impose on
19 eligibility to participate in a public option health insurance plan
20 within the Public Employees' Benefits Program;

21 5. The impact of offering a public option health insurance plan
22 within the Public Employees' Benefits Program on:

23 (a) The budget for the State;

24 (b) The stability of the insurance market generally and the
25 Nevada health benefit exchange; and

26 (c) The rate of uninsured persons in this State;

27 6. The feasibility of establishing a pilot program to offer a
28 public health insurance plan in areas of the State which have limited
29 options for obtaining health insurance and where it is unaffordable
30 for many because the premium rates are higher than in other parts of
31 the State;

32 7. The feasibility of offering a statewide public health
33 insurance plan through a public-private partnership; and

34 8. Any legal considerations and statutory or regulatory changes
35 that may be necessary to carry out any public health insurance
36 whether or not included within the Public Employees' Benefits
37 Program; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Legislative Commission or his
39 or her designee shall be designated to provide direction to the
40 consultant regarding the study; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That any consultant engaged to carry out any part of
42 the study shall, as appropriate, consult with and solicit the input of
43 state agencies with expertise in matters relevant to access to and
44 quality of health care, the cost of health insurance plans, the impact
45 of federal subsidies on the cost of health care, alternative models for



1 provider reimbursement and short-term and long-term marketplace
2 sustainability; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission may apply for and
4 accept any grants, gifts, donations, bequests or others sources of
5 money to carry out the study; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That upon completion of work by any consultant,
7 the consultant shall prepare a report of its findings for presentation
8 or submission to the Legislative Commission; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of
10 the results of the study to the 81st Session of the Nevada
11 Legislature; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
13 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chair of the Public
14 Employees' Benefits Program; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
16 adoption.

