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By Senator Keiser

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WHEREAS, The federal health reform bill has a broad scope and content that will affect nearly all areas of health care including insurance, public programs such as Medicaid and Medicare, long-term care, public health efforts, and health care workforce planning; and

WHEREAS, The complexity and breadth of the health reform bill will require strategic planning and extensive coordination to ensure timely and efficient implementation; and

WHEREAS, Our state's executive branch must develop a strategic plan and comprehensive implementation plan that identifies dedicated resources, clear authority and accountability, a detailed timeline, a critical path analysis, resource and analysis needs, and a communication strategy; and

WHEREAS, The legislature has an interest in providing a public forum for accountability of implementation efforts, timely identification and resolution of critical policy issues necessary for implementation, and identification of emerging issues that need statutory changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of 19 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint

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1 select committee on health reform implementation is created 2 immediately; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health reform implementation shall be cochaired by the chairs of the health committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and leadership of the two largest caucuses in the Senate and the House of Representatives shall each appoint an additional legislator to serve on the joint select committee on health reform implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cochairs may direct the formation of subcommittees, if desired, to focus on specific topic areas, and may invite additional expertise to advise the joint select committee on health reform implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health reform implementation expires on or before June 30, 2014.

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