

ESHCR 4404 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Beginning on page 1, at the beginning of line 1, strike all  
2 material through "2014." on page 2, line 36, and insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act became law  
4 on March 23, 2010, enacting broad changes to every element of the  
5 nation's health care system over the course of a four-year period; and

6 WHEREAS, Through 2014, the federal government will be adopting  
7 numerous regulations to implement the patient protection and affordable  
8 care act that state policymakers will need to actively follow so that  
9 the state can develop the most appropriate response to the changes in  
10 the health care system for the people of the state of Washington; and

11 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act raises many  
12 policy considerations that states will have to review prior to  
13 implementing the act, including the creation of a health benefit  
14 exchange, the expansion of medicaid, health insurance design, the  
15 development of a dynamic health care workforce, and the role of public  
16 health and prevention efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation  
18 was established in 2010 to provide a forum for public comment and  
19 expert advice on the development of Washington's response to the  
20 patient protection and affordable care act; and

21 WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation  
22 expires on July 1, 2011, despite the need to continue to monitor  
23 changes to the health care system and the implementation activities of  
24 the executive branch;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
26 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the joint select  
27 committee on health reform implementation continue its work; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the joint select  
29 committee on health reform implementation shall consist of the  
30 following: (1) The chairs of the health committees of the senate and  
31 the house of representatives, who shall serve as cochairs; (2) four

1 additional members of the senate, two each appointed by the leadership  
2 of the two largest caucuses in the senate; and (3) four additional  
3 members of the house of representatives, two each appointed by the  
4 leadership of the two largest caucuses in the house of representatives.  
5 The governor shall be invited to appoint, as a liaison to the joint  
6 select committee, a person who shall be a nonvoting member; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cochairs may direct the formation  
8 of advisory committees, if desired, to focus on specific topic areas,  
9 such as insurance regulation, access to and expansion of public and  
10 private programs, cost containment, and workforce issues, and may  
11 invite interested stakeholders and additional experts to advise the  
12 joint select committee on health reform implementation. The joint  
13 select committee shall establish an advisory committee to provide  
14 advice and recommendations to the department of social and health  
15 services and the health care authority in the development of its  
16 implementation plan required by chapter ... (House Bill No. 1738), Laws  
17 of 2011 to coordinate the purchase and delivery of acute care, long-  
18 term care, and behavioral health services; and

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

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