
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5121

State of Washington

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By Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Cleveland)

READ FIRST TIME 01/16/23.

1 AN ACT Relating to the joint select committee on health care and
2 behavioral health oversight; reenacting and amending RCW 44.82.010;
3 and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.82.010 and 2014 c 223 s 3 are each reenacted and
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The joint select committee on health care and behavioral
8 health oversight is established in statute, continuing the committee
9 created in Engrossed Substitute Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8401
10 passed in 2013.

11 (2) The membership of the joint select committee on health care
12 and behavioral health oversight must consist of the following: (a)
13 The chairs of the health care committees of the senate and the house
14 of representatives, who must serve as cochairs; (b) four additional
15 members of the senate, two each appointed by the leadership of the
16 two largest political parties in the senate; and (c) four additional
17 members of the house of representatives, two each appointed by the
18 leadership of the two largest political parties in the house of
19 representatives. The governor must be invited to appoint, as a
20 liaison to the joint select committee, a person who must be a
21 nonvoting member.

1 (3) The joint select committee on health care and behavioral
2 health oversight must provide oversight between the health care
3 authority, health benefit exchange, the office of the insurance
4 commissioner, the department of health, and the department of social
5 and health services. The goal must be to ensure that these entities
6 are not duplicating their efforts and are working toward a goal of
7 increased quality of services which will lead to reduced costs to the
8 health care consumer.

9 (4) The joint select committee on health care and behavioral
10 health oversight must, as necessary, propose legislation to the
11 health care committees and budget recommendations to the ways and
12 means committees of the legislature that aids in their coordination
13 of activities and that leads to better quality and cost savings.

14 (5) (~~The joint select committee on health care oversight~~) This
15 section expires (~~on~~) December 31, (~~(2022)~~) 2026.

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