

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0093

Universal health insurance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, F.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and insurance; providing
2 for Wyoming health care commission to solicit and review
3 proposals for expanded health insurance coverage as
4 specified; requiring a report; providing an appropriation;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The Wyoming health care commission, in
12 consultation with the insurance commissioner, shall develop
13 and issue a request for proposals for the following two (2)
14 models of universal health insurance:

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16 (i) Task 1. The contractor shall model
17 proposals for universal health insurance that reflect

1 publicly sponsored coverages that rely on broad based
2 public-financing. The proposals shall include a public
3 payor model of health insurance as well as models which
4 rely on publicly financed insurance delivered through
5 private sector insurers or a combination of public payor
6 and private insurers. Analysis of these proposals shall
7 include estimates of:

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9 (A) Cost of the proposal and how that cost
10 is distributed among government, employers and consumers;

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12 (B) The extent to which the proposal
13 advances the goal of universal health insurance and reduces
14 barriers to coverage;

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16 (C) The impact of the proposal on the
17 business community including small business, self-employed
18 individuals and sole proprietors. This should include an
19 assessment of the impact of the proposal on employment as
20 well as on collective bargaining agreements;

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22 (D) The impact of the proposal on the
23 provider community;

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1 (E) The impact of the proposal on the
2 general scope of benefits, quality of care provided and
3 consumer choice of provider.

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5 (ii) Task 2: The contractor shall model
6 proposals for universal health insurance that reflect a
7 mixture of expanded public health insurance programs,
8 partially subsidized insurance and employer based
9 insurance. Analysis of these proposals shall include
10 estimates of:

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12 (A) The cost of the proposal and how that
13 cost is distributed among government, employers and
14 consumers;

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16 (B) The extent to which the proposal
17 advances the goal of universal health insurance and reduces
18 barriers to coverage;

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20 (C) The impact of the proposal on the
21 business community including small business, self-employed
22 individuals and sole proprietors. This should include an
23 assessment of the impact of the proposal on employment as
24 well as on collective bargaining agreements;

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2 (D) The impact of the proposal on the
3 provider community;

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5 (E) The impact of the proposal on general
6 scope of benefits, quality of care provided and consumer
7 choice of provider.

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9 (b) The commission shall review the proposals and
10 submit its report and recommendations to the governor and
11 the legislature by October 1, 2008.

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13 (c) In reviewing proposals and making its
14 recommendation, the commission shall consider the extent to
15 which the proposals:

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17 (i) Rapidly provide universal health insurance
18 to the citizens of the state;

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20 (ii) Control the cost of health insurance and
21 health care;

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23 (iii) Fairly and equitably distribute the cost
24 of health insurance and health care;

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2 (iv) Improve the state's economy and the
3 competitiveness of the state's businesses;

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5 (v) Promote the economic viability of health
6 care providers.

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8 (d) Each universal health insurance proposal shall
9 include a provision that the insurance provided shall be
10 mandatory for all otherwise uninsured residents of the
11 state and a mechanism for identifying and validating the
12 health insurance coverage of all other residents.

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14 (e) The commission shall be authorized to hire a
15 consultant or consultants as necessary for purposes of
16 preparing the request for proposals, reviewing proposals
17 and preparing the commission's final report and
18 recommendations.

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20 **Section 2.** There is appropriated two hundred fifty
21 thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the
22 Wyoming healthcare commission. This appropriation shall be
23 for the period beginning with the effective date of this
24 act and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall

1 only be expended for the purpose of conducting the request
2 for proposals and submitting the report required by section
3 1 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
4 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
5 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
6 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
7 by law on July 1, 2010. This appropriation shall not be
8 included in the commission's 2011-2012 standard biennial
9 budget request.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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