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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404**

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**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick, Cody, Hinkle, and Frockt)**

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1            WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act became law  
2 on March 23, 2010, enacting broad changes to every element of the  
3 nation's health care system over the course of a four-year period; and  
4            WHEREAS, Through 2014, the federal government will be adopting  
5 numerous regulations to implement the patient protection and affordable  
6 care act that state policymakers will need to actively follow so that  
7 the state can develop the most appropriate response to the changes in  
8 the health care system for the people of the state of Washington; and  
9            WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act raises many  
10 policy considerations that states will have to review prior to  
11 implementing the act, including the creation of a health benefit  
12 exchange, the expansion of medicaid, health insurance design, the  
13 development of a dynamic health care workforce, and the role of public  
14 health and prevention efforts; and  
15            WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation  
16 was established in 2010 to provide a forum for public comment and  
17 expert advice on the development of Washington's response to the  
18 patient protection and affordable care act; and  
19            WHEREAS, The joint select committee on health reform implementation

1 expires on July 1, 2011, despite the need to continue to monitor  
2 changes to the health care system and the implementation activities of  
3 the executive branch;

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

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on health  
8 reform implementation shall continue to be cochaired by the chairs of  
9 the health committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate,  
10 and leadership of the two largest caucuses in the House of  
11 Representatives and the Senate shall each appoint two additional  
12 legislators to serve on the joint select committee on health reform  
13 implementation. The governor shall be invited to appoint, as a liaison  
14 to the committee, a person who shall be a nonvoting member; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cochairs may direct the formation  
16 of advisory committees, if desired, to focus on specific topic areas,  
17 such as insurance regulation, access to and expansion of public and  
18 private programs, cost containment, and workforce issues, and may  
19 invite interested stakeholders and additional experts to advise the  
20 joint select committee on health reform implementation; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all participation in the joint select  
22 committee on health reform implementation and any advisory committee is  
23 without compensation; and

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

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