

SB 6130 - DIGEST

Finds that: (1) The people of Washington have expressed strong concerns about health care costs and access to needed health services. Even if currently insured, they are not confident that they will continue to have health insurance coverage in the future and feel that they are getting less, but spending more.

(2) Many employers, especially small employers, struggle with the cost of providing employer-sponsored health insurance coverage to their employees, while others are unable to offer employer-sponsored health insurance due to its high cost.

Declares an intent through the public/private partnership reflected in this act, to improve our current health care system so that: (1) Health insurance coverage is more affordable for employers, employees, self-employed people, and other individuals;

(2) The process of choosing and purchasing health insurance coverage is well-informed, clearer, and simpler;

(3) Prevention, chronic care management, wellness, and improved quality of care are a fundamental part of our health care system;

(4) Administrative costs at every level are reduced;

(5) As a result of these changes, more people in Washington state have access to affordable health insurance coverage and health outcomes in Washington state are improved; and

(6) More insurance coverage choices are available to all health consumers.