

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5121

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Establishing the joint select committee on health care and behavioral health oversight.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Cleveland).

Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight (Committee) was created in 2013.

The Committee's membership consists of the chairs of the health care committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The two largest political party leaders in the Senate and two largest political party leaders in the House of Representatives, each appoint two members to the Committee. The Governor may also appoint a nonvoting member as a liaison to the Committee.

The Committee provides oversight between the Health Care Authority, Health Benefit Exchange, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health, and the Department of Social and Health Services. This oversight includes monitoring each agency's activities to ensure they are not duplicating their efforts and are working towards the goal of increased quality of services which will lead to reduced costs to the health care consumer. The Committee also, as necessary, proposes legislation and budget recommendations to the Legislature.

Summary: The expiration date for the Joint Select Committee on Health Care and Behavioral Health Oversight is changed from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2026.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	97	0

Effective: July 23, 2023