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1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON HEALTHCARE
2	2015 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan
5	Senate Sponsor: Brian E. Shiozawa
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This concurrent resolution of the Legislature expresses a commitment to collaborate on
10	a solution for the healthcare coverage gap.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This resolution:
13	 recognizes that the executive and legislative branches have each proposed
14	significant solutions to cover Utahns living in the coverage gap, but need more time
15	to work together and agree on one specific resolution;
16	 expresses a commitment to ongoing collaboration and negotiations; and
17	expresses a desire to reach a resolution by a target date of July 31, 2015.
18	Special Clauses:
19	None
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21	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:
22	WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has created a coverage gap, leaving Utah's poor
23	and needy without adequate access to healthcare;
24	WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance for individuals and families to
25	be as self-sufficient as their particular circumstances allow, as well as that the lack of access to
26	healthcare can impair a person's ability to provide for self and family;
27	WHEREAS, certainty, predictability, and maintaining the state's ability to meet its
28	financial obligations are important issues;
29	WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court is currently considering King v. Burwell,

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30	argued March 4, 2015, and will issue a decision in the coming months that could change
31	factors related to the Affordable Care Act;
32	WHEREAS, all involved agree that doing nothing in regard to healthcare is not an
33	option;
34	WHEREAS, the executive and legislative branches have each proposed significant
35	solutions to cover Utahns living in the coverage gap, but need more time to work together and
36	agree on one specific resolution on how to address this complex and weighty matter; and
37	WHEREAS, Governor Gary R. Herbert, Lieutenant Governor Spencer J. Cox, President
38	Wayne L. Neiderhauser, and Speaker Gregory H. Hughes will work to find a resolution to this
39	difficult and critical issue by a target date of July 31, 2015:
40	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
41	Governor concurring therein, commits to the people of Utah to continue to work toward
42	finding a solution to this critical issue.
43	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, consistent with this resolution and discussions
44	between the legislative and executive branches, that the parties will continue to collaborate
45	with each other, and together negotiate with the President of the United States, Secretary
46	Burwell, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to find a solution that works for
47	the people of Utah.
48	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon reaching an agreement and if necessary, that
49	Governor Gary R. Herbert may call a special session in the 2015 legislative interim for the
50	purpose of resolving this issue.