JOINT RESOLUTION - UTAH'S MEDICAID
ASSET TEST
2009 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This joint resolution of the Legislature recommends an interim study on whether to
repeal a Medicaid asset test and how to help low income Utah families to no longer
have to rely on public assistance.
Highlighted Provisions:
This resolution:
recommends an interim study to determine whether to repeal a portion of
Subsection 26-18-3.1(4), Utah Code Annotated, that allows the Utah Department of
Health to require a Medicaid asset test; and
recommends the study include a component on how to help low income Utah
families to move off of public assistance, make economic progress, and help break
the generational cycle of poverty.
Special Clauses:
None

WHEREAS, government should be efficient, remove barriers that keep Utah families

from becoming self sufficient, help Utahns build wealth, and end the generational cycle of



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poverty;

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28	WHEREAS, the Medicaid asset test currently authorized under Subsection
29	26-18-3.1(4), Utah Code Annotated, creates disincentives that keep families from building
30	assets and saving for retirement, a house, or for their children's education; and
31	WHEREAS, repealing the Medicaid asset test provision will improve government
32	efficiency by streamlining the Medicaid eligibility determination process, improving automated
33	eligibility determination systems, and easing the challenge of beneficiaries becoming more self
34	sufficient:
35	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
36	recommends an interim study to determine whether to repeal that part of Subsection
37	26-18-3.1(4), Utah Code Annotated, that allows the Department of Health to require a
38	Medicaid asset test.
39	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recommends the study include how
40	to help low income Utah families move off of public assistance, make economic progress, and
41	help break the generational cycle of poverty.
42	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the chairs of the
43	Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the chairs of the Workforce
44	Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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