

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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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.
