

**HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING REPEAL OF THE
PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution of the House of Representatives urges the United States Congress to repeal portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ strongly urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, to make health care more affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be passed on to individuals, working families, small employers, and senior citizens, contradicting a primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive;

WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will cause premiums on the individual market to



28 rise an average of \$2,150 for individuals and \$5,080 for families nationally over 10 years and
29 will increase premiums for families over \$4,305 over 10 years;

30 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the next 10
31 years, reducing private sector jobs by 125,000;

32 WHEREAS, 59% of these lost jobs will come from small businesses;

33 WHEREAS, potential sales will be reduced by at least \$18 billion, 50% of which will
34 come from small businesses;

35 WHEREAS, in the state of Utah, premiums for small employers will increase by an
36 average of \$2,173 per employer over 10 years and premiums for large employers will increase
37 by an average of \$2,400 over 10 years;

38 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will impact Medicare Advantage beneficiaries in
39 the state of Utah by costing an average of \$2,926 in additional premiums and reduced benefits
40 over 10 years;

41 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will impact Medicaid beneficiaries in the state of
42 Utah enrolled in a coordinated care program by costing an average of \$1,506 over 10 years,
43 putting pressure on already strained state budgets, decreasing benefits, and potentially creating
44 coverage disruption; and

45 WHEREAS, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance
46 coverage, particularly younger, healthier people who are likely to drop their policy if it
47 becomes too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage less affordable:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
49 state of Utah strongly urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to repeal the health
50 insurance tax, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and
51 section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act to make health care more
52 affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
54 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
55 States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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