

Senate Resolution No. 1710

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the state of Kansas to enter into a state
2 partnership health insurance exchange.

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4 WHEREAS, The patient protection and affordable care act (public law
5 111-148), as amended by the federal health care and education
6 reconciliation act of 2010 provided that states have the option to establish
7 their own health insurance exchange; and

8 WHEREAS, The time for the state of Kansas to establish its own
9 health insurance exchange pursuant to the patient protection and
10 affordable care act (public law 111-148), as amended by the federal
11 health care and education reconciliation act of 2010 has passed; and

12 WHEREAS, If the state of Kansas wishes to have any control over
13 any health care exchange which may sell health insurance policies in this
14 state, then the state of Kansas should seriously consider entering into a
15 state partnership health insurance exchange with the federal department
16 of health and human services; and

17 WHEREAS, Entry into a state partnership health insurance exchange
18 with the federal department of health and human services would be
19 highly beneficial to the people of this state because the department of
20 insurance then could continue to approve insurance rates, as well as
21 approve policies offered on the exchange, and assist Kansas consumers
22 with their complaints; and

23 WHEREAS, The time period in which the state of Kansas can enter
24 into a state partnership health insurance exchange is quite short and ends
25 on February 15, 2013: Now, therefore,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we encourage
27 the commissioner of insurance to take all steps necessary to enter into a
28 state partnership health insurance exchange with the federal department
29 of health and human services.

30 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send
31 enrolled copies of this resolution to Governor Sam Brownback; Sandy
32 Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance; and Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of
33 the Department of Health and Human Services.