

Wyoming Liberty Index

61st Wyoming Legislature ★ 2011 General Session

HB0050, Health insurance exchanges.

Sponsors: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Berger, Blake, Blikre, Bonner, Botten, Brown, Buchanan, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Childers, Connolly, Craft, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Freeman, Gingery, Greear, Greene, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Illoway, Jaggi, Kasperik, Krone, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, McOmie, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Patton, Pederson, Petersen, Petroff, Roscoe, Semlek, Shepperson, Steward, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Vranish, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Dockstader, Driskill, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Martin, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Barbuto, Brechtel, Edmonds, Kroeker, McKim, Peasley, Quarberg and Wallis Senators Case and Jennings

Signed by the Governor.

Comments

Provides for a study of whether Wyoming should get into the health insurance exchange business pursuant to Obamacare. One of the recommendations the study is to make is whether Wyoming should proceed on its own exchange if the federal laws are repealed. There seems to be a delusion in certain quarters that Wyoming is better at socialism than the feds are. On the other hand, the study is to look at whether Wyoming should get into the insurance exchange business at all, which makes it preferable to SF 102. It will also study how the exchange will work with the existing market for insurance.

The Wyoming legislature has already passed a bill to put before the people indicating that the federal government will stay out of the daily lives of the citizens of Wyoming. Why then are we taking federal money, which also means federal strings, and using our own money to implement a federal mandate of the same. The passage of this bill appears that we have capitulated into the feds' demands and given up state's rights.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

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