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Proposed Bill No. 5689

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require the Office of
2 Health Strategy to establish and implement health care cost growth
3 benchmarks in this state; (2) require the Commissioner of Consumer
4 Protection to submit a request to the federal Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services to implement a Canadian prescription drug
6 reimportation program in this state and, if the secretary approves such
7 request, implement such program in this state; (3) implement the
8 Insurance Commissioner's recommendations regarding stop-loss
9 insurance; (4) require the Office of Health Strategy to seek a state
10 innovation waiver from the federal government to establish a
11 reinsurance program in this state and, if the federal government
12 approves such request, establish such program; (5) establish a task force
13 to (A) study inequity in the provision of health insurance coverage and
14 health care services in this state, and (B) identify any means available to
15 promote equity in the provision of health insurance coverage and health

16 care services in this state; (6) direct the Comptroller to ensure that the
17 state employee and partnership plans are (A) examined by (i) certified
18 actuaries, and (ii) the Auditors of Public Accounts, and (B) secured by
19 stop-loss coverage; (7) subject the state employee and partnership plans
20 to (A) the same requirements that apply to other group health plans,
21 including, but not limited to, (i) prior rate review and approval by the
22 Insurance Department for the partnership plan, and (ii) a required
23 medical loss ratio of at least eighty per cent, and (B) the Finance
24 Advisory Committee process for any transfer of state funds to support
25 any losses incurred by the state employee or partnership plan; and (8)
26 require the Auditors of Public Accounts to report, at least annually, to
27 the Office of Policy and Management, the Insurance Department and
28 the Office of Health Strategy (A) regarding the financial solvency of the
29 state employee, partnership and municipal employee health insurance
30 plans, and (B) the name of, services rendered by and financial
31 arrangements with any consultant engaged by the Comptroller to
32 support the state employee, partnership and municipal employee health
33 insurance plans.

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Reduce the cost of health insurance premiums and prescription drugs in this state; (2) study and promote equity in the provision of health insurance coverage and health care services in this state; and (3) ensure transparency and fiscal solvency in the state employee, partnership, and municipal employee health insurance plans.