

AOA HEALTH CARE REFORM NEW STUDIES & SUMMER WORK– 2015 SESSION (Apr 17, 2015)

Bill/§	Bill Status	Subject	Task/Analysis	Resources Needed
Legislative Interim Committees - Testimony				
Existing Law		<i>Health Reform Oversight Committee</i>	Testifying as requested	Use existing staff resources – past testimony has been extensive and duplicative of HCOC testimony.
S.139 § 6	Removed in SAC amend	<i>Health Care Oversight Committee</i>	Testifying as requested	Use existing staff resources – past testimony has been extensive and duplicative of HROC testimony.
S.139 § 7	Removed in SAC amend	<i>Mental Health Oversight Committee</i>	Testifying as requested	Use existing staff resources – past testimony has been minimal.
H.481 § 16 (d)	Bill in HAC	<i>Task Force on Universal Coverage Report</i>	Testimony, legal and policy research, other analysis as determined by the task force.	Use existing staff resources for legal and policy analysis. Tax proposals or economic analysis would need funding.
Studies and Reports				
S.139 § 9	In HHC	Vermont Health Care Innovation Project Report	Quarterly reports	Use existing staff resources.
H.481 § 20	Bill in HAC	Cost Estimates for Universal Primary Care	Actuarial, economic and other analysis of funding universal primary care for all Vermonters. Report.	\$200k for JFO for economic analysis in HHC proposal; actuarial analysis between \$50-75k not funded. Application for grant funds pending with Commonwealth Fund.
H.487 § 6	Bill in HAC	Federally-supported State Based Marketplace	VHC milestones; King v. Burwell; other policy analysis if move to FFBSM	Use existing staff resources.

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H361 § 35(b)(3)	In Senate Ed Prefer Sen Fin version (see below)	Education Spending: Health Care Costs	Analyze options to ensure education insurance plans avoid the Cadillac Tax; requires actuarial analysis for some options.	Use existing staff resources for policy development. Actuarial analysis needed for cost impact analysis on education employee plans. \$75-100k
S.135§10	Senate Finance Proposal	Large Group Market; Impact Analysis	With GMCB: Impact of community rating on large group premiums	Use existing staff resources. Actuarial analysis needed, but can be done within existing budget if use Wakely Consulting (they have the necessary data from GMC analysis).
S.135§12	Senate Finance proposal Prefer this version over H.361 version	Public Employee Spending: Health Care Costs	Analyze options to ensure that all public employees avoid the Cadillac Tax; requires actuarial analysis for some options.	Use existing staff resources for policy development. Actuarial analysis needed for cost impact analysis on education employee plans. \$100-125k. Fits in current AOA budget.
S.135§29	Senate Finance	Study parts of 09-03 common forms, etc to determine appropriate agency to oversee	Analyze usefulness of some existing regulations and determine appropriate agency	Use existing staff resources.
S.135 §X	Senator Lyons Amend	Regulation of MCOs	Compare federal MCO regulations with Rule 09-03	Use existing legal staff resources.
S.135 §Y	Senator Lyons Amend	Provider Rate Setting	Proposal for rate-setting at GMCB	Use existing staff resources.
S.135 §X	SHW financing plan proposal	Study of Workers' Center finance idea, Alt Financing 10 & 11, primary care	With GMCB: Provide fiscal and economic analysis of the workers center's financing concept.	Use existing staff resources; need at least \$300k for economic modeling & tax consultant time; more could be needed depending on breadth of the analysis.
Big Bill	In Senate Appropriations	Review of Medicaid Benefits	Compare Medicaid benefits to private insurance and analyze cost impacts	Use DVHA staff resources for comparison and cost estimates; clarify language to compare Medicaid to Exchange benchmark plan.