



Legislation Summary:

An Act to ensure effective health care cost control

Initial bill number: [S610/H596](#) (Bill numbers will change as legislation proceeds.)

Sponsors: Sen. Julian Cyr, Rep. Jennifer E. Benson

This bill would require the Center for Health Information and Analysis to monitor, review and evaluate reports related to single payer health care systems and establish a single payer benchmark that will be an estimate of the total cost of providing healthcare to all Massachusetts residents for the previous year under such a system and compare that benchmark to the actual health care spending in Massachusetts for the same year. It would also require the Health Policy Commission to submit legislation to implement a Single Payer Health Care Implementation Plan if the studies conducted by the Center for Health Information and Analysis determine that the single payer benchmark outperformed actual health care spending in Massachusetts.

League Position: An affordable health care system that provides equal access to quality health care for all. *Where We Stand*, p. 47