

ORIGINAL SENATE
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ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, SENATE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to equalize the tax treatment of employer-provided and individually purchased health insurance by creating a tax credit for the full amount of insurance purchased by individuals.

WHEREAS, the high cost of health insurance has created a large number of uninsured citizens in the United States and the State of Wyoming;

WHEREAS, those without health insurance are less likely to receive adequate health care;

WHEREAS, insurance purchasing decisions are to a large extent made by employers and not insurance beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, overreliance on employer-provided health insurance impedes worker mobility;

WHEREAS, spiraling health care costs are in part caused by a lack of active consumer participation in health care markets;

WHEREAS, employers can deduct the full cost of employee health insurance as a business expense, while individuals may not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the Wyoming State Legislature petitions the Congress of the United States to equalize the tax treatment of employer-provided and individually purchased health insurance by creating a tax credit for the full amount of insurance purchased by individuals.

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Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk