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California State Senate	Bill 562	

[Supporting California State	Senate Bill 562 (Lara and Atkir	ns) - Californians for a Healthy
California Act - Establishing	of a Comprehensive Universal	Single-Payer Health Care
Coverage Program]		

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 562, authored by Senators Lara and Atkins, the Californians for a Healthy California Act, that would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a system for health care cost control for the benefit of all state residents.

WHEREAS, Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect

January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, PPACA required each state, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers; and

WHEREAS, Existing state law created the California Health Benefit Exchange, also known as Covered California, to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers; and

WHEREAS, While PPACA has brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, The 45th President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed an executive order on his first day in office giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order explicitly asserted that the Trump Administration's official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA which, if effected, could result in the

loss of \$18 billion in federal funding for the expanded Medi-Cal program and \$5.4 billion in premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions for Covered California, endangering the exchange's survival, according to a report issued by the California State Legislative Analyst's Office; and

WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have also experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

WHEREAS, To address the threats to the PPACA and the ensuing fiscal crisis facing the health care system and the state, and to ensure Californians can maintain their access to health care, comprehensive health care coverage needs to be provided; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 562 ("SB 562"), known as the Californians for a Healthy California Act, is currently being considered by the California State Legislature, and would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to support SB 562, such that Californians can be assured of access to affordable and comprehensive health care necessary for a healthy and prosperous state; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to forward this resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem of the Senate of the California State Legislature.

Introduced by Senators Lara and Atkins

February 17, 2017

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 562, as introduced, Lara. Californians For A Healthy California Act.

Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect January 1, 2014. PPACA required each state, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers. PPACA defines a "qualified health plan" as a plan that, among other requirements, provides an essential health benefits package. Existing state law creates the California Health Benefit Exchange, also known as Covered California, to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified individuals and qualified small employers.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care. Existing law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance.

This bill would make findings and declarations with regard to the availability and affordability of health care coverage and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Californians for a Healthy California Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the 4 following:
 - (1) All residents of this state have the right to health care. While the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage.
 - (2) Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges.
 - (3) Businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely.
 - (4) Individuals often find that they are deprived of affordable care and choice because of decisions by health benefit plans guided by the plan's economic needs rather than consumers' health care needs.
- 23 (5) To address the fiscal crisis facing the health care system and 24 the state, and to ensure Californians can exercise their right to 25 health care, comprehensive health care coverage needs to be 26 provided.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

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