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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE CROMER

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Memorializes congress to repeal that portion of the federal health care reform legislation which imposes a health insurance tax

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal
3	that portion of the federal health care reform legislation which imposes a health
4	insurance tax.
5	WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and
6	Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as amended by Section 10905 of that Act and Section
7	1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152), will impose an
8	unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be
9	passed on to individuals, working families, employers, and seniors, contradicting a primary
10	goal of health care reform by making health care more expensive; and
11	WHEREAS, Congressman Charles Boustany (R-LA) and Congressman Jim
12	Matheson (D-UT) have already sponsored bipartisan legislation, H.R.763 of the First Session
13	of the 113th Congress, in the United States House of Representatives, to repeal Section
14	9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which imposes an annual fee on
15	health insurance providers; and
16	WHEREAS, similar legislation, S. 603 of the First Session of the 113th Congress,
17	has also been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY); and
18	WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the health insurance tax will cause premiums
19	on the individual market to rise an average of two thousand one hundred fifty dollars for
20	individuals and an average of five thousand eighty dollars for families nationally over a
21	ten-year period; and

individual will pay an average of two thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars n	nore for
single coverage and an average of four thousand five hundred twelve dollars more for	r family
coverage, a small group employer will pay an average of two thousand five hundred	eighty-
nine dollars more for single coverage and an average of six thousand three hundred	ninety-
one dollars more for family coverage, and a large group employer will pay an average	e of two
thousand eight hundred thirty dollars more for single coverage and an average	of six
thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars more for family coverage; and	
WHEREAS, it has been further estimated that a Medicare policyholder in Lo	ouisiana
will pay on average four thousand one hundred eleven dollars more for coverage, all	l within
the same time period; and	
WHEREAS, estimates additionally indicate that the health insurance tax w	vill also
impact the national economy over the next ten years by reducing future private sec	tor jobs
by as much as one hundred twenty-five thousand, with approximately fifty-nine per	cent for
small businesses, and reducing potential sales by at least eighteen billion dollar	rs, with
approximately fifty percent for small businesses; and	
WHEREAS, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain in	surance
coverage, particularly younger, healthier people, who are likely to drop their policies	s if they
become too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage ev	en less
affordable.	
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does	hereby
memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to	repeal
Section 9010 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), as an	mended
by Section 10905 of that Act and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Ed	ucation
Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152), which imposes a health insurance tax, in order to make	
health care more affordable for working families, individuals, and businesses.	
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitte	d to the
presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress	s of the
United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional deleg	gation.

WHEREAS, it has also been estimated that, in Louisiana over the next ten years, an

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Memorializes congress to take such actions as are necessary to repeal that portion of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by that act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, which imposes a health insurance tax beginning in 2014.