

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5013

By Committee on Appropriations

2-19

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to indicate the Legislature's intention
2 not to expand medicaid services in Kansas as provided under the
3 federal affordable care act.

4 WHEREAS, The federal government authorized the expansion of
5 medicaid services as a provision of the federally mandated patient
6 protection and affordable care act;

7 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the
8 affordable care act was unduly coercive to states with its threat to
9 eliminate all federal funding for medicaid if states did not expand
10 eligibility as outlined in the affordable care act;

11 WHEREAS, The expansion of medicaid services in Kansas with
12 federal funds as provided for
13 in the patient protection and affordable care act will commit future
14 Kansas Legislatures and the citizens of Kansas to share the cost in future
15 years;

16 WHEREAS, The affordable care act will have a significant woodwork
17 effect, leading Kansans with private coverage to convert to less stable
18 publicly funded programs;

19 WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion would significantly harm the state's
20 economy by making private sector healthcare smaller at the expense of
21 government-provided care;

22 WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion would dramatically increase the
23 number of Kansans receiving public assistance;

24 WHEREAS, Kansas is committed to Kansas solutions to Kansas
25 problems and the citizens of Kansas provide assistance to the most
26 vulnerable through safety net clinics, support for physicians and
27 hospitals, and other assistance;

28 WHEREAS, The federal government could further obligate the state
29 to fully fund the medicaid expansion through maintenance of effort
30 provisions, should federal funds cease;

31 WHEREAS, The state's official forecast has indicated medicaid
32 expansion, combined with the woodwork effect, will cost the state in
33 excess of \$1 billion over the next ten years;

34 WHEREAS, Kansas medicaid and the children's health insurance
35 program currently covers children whose household income is below
36 232% of the poverty level;

1 WHEREAS, Kansas medicaid currently covers pregnant mothers
2 whose household income is less than 150% of the federal poverty level;

3 WHEREAS, Participating in the federal medicaid expansion would
4 require the state of Kansas to cover people in 100-133% of the federal
5 poverty level on medicaid, while by not participating these same
6 individuals would be eligible to receive private, federally subsidized
7 coverage;

8 WHEREAS, Governor Brownback has stated his concern that the
9 federal government will not keep its long term commitment to 90%
10 federal medical assistance percentage rate for the medicaid expansion
11 populations: Now, therefore,

12 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
13 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the will of the Kansas Legislature is
14 that the state of Kansas not expand medicaid above its current eligibility
15 levels.