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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5.

Amend the bill in section 6 by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 2, lines 21 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'The council shall consult with the Attorney General and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance for technical expertise. The council shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters a preliminary report outlining suggested legislation no later than December 1, 2010. The council shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters no later than January 15, 2011.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment removes from the bill language limiting the scope of the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development's consultation with the Attorney General and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance for technical expertise. The amendment removes from the bill language authorizing a legislative committee to introduce a bill to the 125th Legislature. The amendment requires the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development to submit a preliminary report outlining suggested legislation no later than December 1, 2010.

The amendment also removes from the bill the provisions that make changes to the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act.