

# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 17, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly  
Affairs to which was referred HB 244,**

**AN ACT relative to the membership and duties of the  
joint health care reform oversight committee. Having  
considered the same, report the same with the following  
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO  
LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Kendall Snow**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 244</b>
Title:	<b>relative to the membership and duties of the joint health care reform oversight committee.</b>
Date:	<b>February 17, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill would create a Joint Health Care Oversight Committee, determine its membership, and mandate various issues it would review. The Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee determined that the bill was not needed as various groups fulfill its functions. Moreover, the bill mandated studying the Affordable Care Act which is a federal program over which the state has no jurisdiction.

Vote 21-0.

Rep. Kendall Snow  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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# Voting Sheets

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Roll Call Committee Registers  
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2021 SESSION

**Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs**

Bill #: HB244      Motion: ITL      AM #: \_\_\_\_\_      Exec Session Date: 2/16/2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Pearson, Mark A. Chairman	21		
Marsh, William M. Vice Chairman	1		
McMahon, Charles E.	2		
Nelson, Bill G.	3		
Acton, Dennis F.	4		
Gay, Betty I.	5		
Cushman, Leah P.	6		
Folsom, Beth A. Clerk	7		
Kelsey, Niki	8		
King, Bill C.	9		
Kofalt, Jim	10		
Weber, Lucy M.	11		
MacKay, James R.	12		
Snow, Kendall A.	13		
Knirk, Jerry L.	14		
Salloway, Jeffrey C.	15		
Cannon, Gerri D.	16		
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.	17		
Schapiro, Joe	18		
Woods, Gary L.	19		

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Merchant, Gary		20		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		21	0	0





# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB 244

**BILL TITLE:** An Act relative to the membership and duties of the joint health care reform oversight committee.

**DATE:** 1/26/2021

**ROOM:** 206/8

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 3:01 pm

**Time Adjourned:** 3:25 pm

**Committee Members Present:**

**In Room 206/8:** Reps. M. Pearson, Folsom, McMahon, Gay, Cushman, B. King, Weber, MacKay

**On Zoom from home:**

Marsh, Nelson, Acton, Kelsey, Kofalt, Snow, Knirk, Salloway, Cannon, Nutter-Upham, Schapiro, Woods and Merchant

**TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**\* Representative Max Abramson, Rock 37**

Establish Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee

Groups/Legislators would be able to present bill ideas and have them examined in a more informal session rather than taking up the time of HHS&EA

Bills would have vetted language and possible amendments ready before going to committee

Q: Rep. Shapiro, the language gives concern that there is a pre-disposed agenda?

A: Abramson: the list of topics is just to show an example of what could be covered.

Q: Shapiro: where is your data?

Q: Rep. Merchant: would you be open to combining it into 157?

A: Abramson: yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Beth Folsom, Clerk

## House Remote Testify

### Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill HB244 on 2021-01-26

Support: 2    Oppose: 7    Neutral: 1    Total to Testify: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Minnehan, Paula	pminnehan@nhha.org	603.496.1047	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Hospital Association	Oppose	No	1/21/2021 4:48 PM
Stoddard, Kristine	kstoddard@bistatepca.org	480.794.0523	A Lobbyist	Bi-State Primary Care Association	Oppose	No	1/25/2021 4:20 PM
Stevens, Holly	hstevens@new-futures.org	603.225.9540	A Lobbyist	New Futures	Oppose	No	1/25/2021 4:43 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	1/25/2021 7:01 PM
ploszaj, tom	tom.ploszaj@leg.state.nh.us	603.279.9965	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	1/25/2021 8:37 PM
Padmore, Michael	michael.padmore@nhms.org	603.858.4744	A Lobbyist	NH Medical Society	Oppose	No	1/26/2021 8:31 AM
Horrigan, Timothy	timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	603.969.3823	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	No	1/26/2021 12:38 PM
Abramson, Max	Max.Abramson@leg.state.nh.us	603.760.7090	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	1/26/2021 1:19 PM
Dickinson, Jeff	jdickinson@gsil.org	603.410.6526	A Member of the Public	Granite State Independent Living	Oppose	No	1/26/2021 1:34 PM
Brannen, Tyler	tyler.j.brannen@ins.nh.gov	2712396	State Agency Staff	Insurance Department	Neutral	No	1/22/2021 2:00 PM

# Testimony

Bill as  
Introduced

HB 244 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0283

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HOUSE BILL            **244**

AN ACT                relative to the membership and duties of the joint health care reform oversight committee.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Abramson, Rock. 37

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill amends the membership and duties of the joint health care reform oversight committee.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT relative to the membership and duties of the joint health care reform oversight committee.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee; Members and Duties Added. Amend RSA  
2 420-N:3 to read as follows:

3 420-N:3 Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee Established.

4 I. There is established a joint health care reform oversight committee consisting of [~~6~~  
5 ~~members as follows~~] ***the following members:***

6 (a) Three members of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

7 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
8 house of representatives.

9 (c) ***Five members with experience working in the medical field with experience***  
10 ***in minimizing the cost of medical treatment, appointed by the governor.***

11 II. The terms of the members shall be for the biennium [~~and shall be coterminous with their~~  
12 ~~membership in the general court~~] ***and the chairperson may reappoint any member.*** The  
13 oversight committee shall elect a chairperson from its membership. The oversight committee shall  
14 meet at the call of the chairperson who may call a meeting as often as necessary. The oversight  
15 committee shall require [4] **6** members for a quorum.

16 III. The committee shall provide legislative oversight, policy direction, and recommendations  
17 for legislation with respect to the Act, ***known as "Obamacare,"*** as it determines appropriate. The  
18 committee shall also review existing rules, bulletins, or policies adopted pursuant to 2010, 243 and  
19 may require the repeal of such rules, bulletins, or policies. ***In addition, the committee shall***  
20 ***study:***

21 (a) ***Recommending that Congress repeal the federal Patient Protection***  
22 ***Affordable Care Act, of 2009, known as "Obamacare."***

23 (b) ***The feasibility of implementing free market driven health care plans and "a***  
24 ***la carte" insurance plans free from government mandates in New Hampshire.***

25 (c) ***Allowing individuals and employers to purchase health insurance plans***  
26 ***across state lines.***

27 (d) ***The "portability" of health care plans.***

28 (e) ***Increasing the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs.***

1            *(f) Improving access to the information necessary to make informed health care*  
2 *decisions, including information about the quality and cost of services provided by*  
3 *physicians, hospitals, and insurers.*

4            *(g) The moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical*  
5 *treatment and intervention.*

6            *(h) The special needs of seniors, including opportunities for personalized home*  
7 *health care and less expensive alternatives to hospital stays and prescription medication.*

8            *(i) Ways to ensure that veterans receive the benefits they have rightfully earned*  
9 *and deserve by making all medical facilities available to qualified veterans.*

10           IV. The committee shall ~~make~~ **submit** a report, together with any recommendations for  
11 legislation, to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
12 chairpersons of the house commerce and consumer affairs and the health, human services and  
13 elderly affairs committees and the senate commerce and health and human services committees by  
14 ~~[December 1, 2011]~~ **October 1, 2021** and annually thereafter.

15           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.