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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Rising healthcare costs continue to be the number one concern for small and medium-sized businesses in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, According to the Council for Affordable Health Insurance (CAHI), healthcare mandates cumulatively can raise the cost of basic health coverage by 20% to 50%; and

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WHEREAS, According to CAHI, Illinois currently has 47 different insurance mandates in law today; and

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WHEREAS, Healthcare mandates are paid for by only small and medium-sized businesses that buy health insurance on the open market; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois policy makers need a better understanding of the costs these mandates add to health insurance in order to strike a balance between managing healthcare costs and providing access to quality health insurance; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we request the Commission on Government Forecasting and

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1 Accountability to study the cost of each healthcare mandate  
2 that is a part of the Illinois Insurance Code on the date this  
3 resolution is adopted, as well as the cumulative effect of  
4 those mandates on the overall cost of health insurance in  
5 Illinois for businesses; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the findings of the Commission be reported  
7 to the General Assembly by February 6, 2012, to ensure that the  
8 members of the General Assembly are informed about the costs  
9 and overall impact these mandates have on the ability of small  
10 and medium-sized businesses to purchase health insurance; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to  
13 the Executive Director of the Commission on Government  
14 Forecasting and Accountability.