

## House Resolution 588

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Health Insurance Options for Small Businesses and  
2 Uninsured Working People; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in recent years, small business owners and uninsured working people have  
4 faced many problems related to health insurance coverage including rising rates, decreasing  
5 coverage, and frequently changing networks of providers; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a need to review current health insurance options available to small  
7 businesses and uninsured working people, including insurance pools, and to explore new  
8 methods of making available health plans to small businesses that will provide broader  
9 coverage, a more stable network of providers, and more predictable rates.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 there is created the House Study Committee on Health Insurance Options for Small  
12 Businesses and Uninsured Working People to be composed of five members of the House  
13 of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The  
14 Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The  
15 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
17 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
18 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
19 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
20 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
21 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
22 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
23 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are  
24 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
25 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee

1 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
2 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The  
3 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.