

Summary of HJR 14 opposing the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

The resolution calls on Congress and the President to delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act until a full analysis of its economic impact and pending job loss in Alaska and businesses throughout the state can be clearly stated, quantified and evaluated.

The resolution also asks for the delay in implementing the Affordable Care Act until it can be shown that there is no significant increase to business costs or economic uncertainty about the future.

The resolution calls on Governor Sean Parnell to take actions necessary to delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, to protect Alaskans and our economy from the onerous taxes and regulations contained in the law.

The implementation of the Affordable Care Act will be devastating to Alaska Businesses, will cost Alaskans jobs and will result in higher insurance premiums for Alaskans.

What will happen is the Affordable Care Act is implemented:

- Alaska's two largest health insurance providers, Premier Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska and Aetna Life Insurance Company, both plan to increase premiums between 30 and 80 percent for individual policies
- It will cost an average of \$2,500 a year more for an individual to obtain health insurance than current traditional health insurance, increasing the cost of health care for families and employers
- New taxes imposed by Affordable Care Act, which will continue to kill jobs in industries as to cost of providing health insurance and related taxes are burdensome to employers, limiting the ability by the business community to create jobs
- Big businesses are already putting more workers on part-time status, removing nearly 75 percent of its employees from full time status, in an attempt at limiting the requirement to provide health insurance under the Affordable Care Act mandate
- 21 new or higher taxes on Alaskan and American families and businesses will be implemented, including 12 taxes on families
- An NFIB a survey of American businesses estimates that 30 percent of small businesses in the country anticipate dropping people from coverage
- The required expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act will cause an increase in the number of Alaskan's covered by the state funded program to increase by at least 30 percent
- The Obama Administration admits that tens of millions of Americans are at risk of losing their health care coverage, including as many as 8 in 10 plans offered by small businesses
- The total cost for the Affordable Care Act is predicted to be at least \$2.6 trillion, nearly three times greater than cost originally stated by President Obama in 2009