

SCR 190

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL FIVE STAGES.

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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on S.C.R. No. 190 and S.R. No. 109. The Bureau takes no position for or against the measures but submits the following comments.

The resolutions direct the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau) to conduct a study on the potential financial impact to the State and the State's health care system of providing care

for patients with chronic kidney disease at all five stages.

As always, if the Legislature wants us to do this study, we will do so to the best of our abilities.

The primary thrust of this study appears to be focused upon the cost to the health care system, which we will attempt to develop through the sources of data that are listed in the resolution and others that may be identified.

We note, however, that a determination of the economic impact on the State requires certain technical expertise in economic analysis that we do not possess. For this reason, we both recommend and request that the resolution be amended to additionally request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct the economic analysis needed to determine the economic impact on the State. These are the same amendments adopted by the House Committee on Health, and would maintain consistency between both vehicles.

Finally, the Bureau stands ready to assist the Committee with any committee report or draft that the Committee may require.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.