
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

Senator John Laird, Chair
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Fiscal: Yes

Subject: Fair Share from Big Corporations Act

Summary: This bill implements the Fair Share from Big Corporations Act, which requires the Department of Finance to present, on or before March 1, 2027, one or more options to the Legislature for holding the state's largest corporations accountable for the taxpayer costs of their employees enrolled in the Medi-Cal program.

Proposed Law: This bill implements the Fair Share from Big Corporations Act, which includes the following provisions:

- 1) Requires the Department of Finance, on or before March 1, 2027, to present to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee one or more options for holding the state's largest corporations accountable for the taxpayer costs of their employees enrolled in the Medi-Cal program.
- 2) Requires one of the options presented by the department to include a premium paid by employers with at least 250 employees to offset taxpayer costs of their employees enrolled in the Medi-Cal program who are not offered employer health coverage.
- 3) Requires the options presented to be accompanied by the following:
 - a. Data prepared by the Employment Development Department (EDD) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) regarding the number of workers in the state's largest corporations enrolled in Medi-Cal
 - b. Proposed statutory language necessary to implement the options
 - c. An analysis of the cost of, and timeline for, implementing the options in the 2027 legislative session.
- 4) Makes the provisions of the bill inoperative if the Medicaid program-related provisions of House Resolution (HR) 1 are repealed on or before March 1, 2027.
- 5) Appropriates General Fund expenditure authority of \$10,000 to the Department of Finance to prepare the options to be presented to the Legislature.

Fiscal Effect: Appropriates General Fund expenditure authority of \$10,000 to the Department of Finance to prepare the options to be presented to the Legislature.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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