

TO: Connect for Health Colorado Board
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RE: Legislative Oversight Committee bill ideas
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The Colorado Health Benefit Exchange Legislative Oversight Committee (oversight committee) met on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 to discuss, among other things, bill ideas that the committee could put forward in the 2016 legislative session. Below is a list of the bills the committee discussed and whether the bill was passed to move forward as a committee bill in the 2016 legislative session.

#	Topic	Summary	Pass/Fail/Withdrawn
LLS NO. 16-0287	Federal Waiver Application For Health Insurance	(Introduced by Representative Landgraf) This bill would change the open enrollment period. Instead of a set period each year for all customers, there would be a rolling open enrollment period that is based on the birthday of the oldest person in the household on the insurance policy.	Withdrawn. This bill was withdrawn due to the fiscal note by Representative Landgraf and the Committee did not move it forward.
LLS NO. 16-0286	Federal Waiver Employer-sponsored Health Insurance"	(Introduced by Senator Kefalas) This bill will require the state to request a waiver from the employer mandate and create an opt-in system for employers to allow employees to seek health insurance through the Marketplace using other means, such as a defined contribution on behalf of an employee, who would then be able to select their own insurance plan on the Marketplace.	Withdrawn. This bill was withdrawn due to the fiscal note and feedback from various stakeholders by Senator Kefalas and the Committee did not move it forward.
LLS NO. 16-0285	HCPF Avoid Gaps In Medical Coverage	(Introduced by Senator Aguilar) This bill will seek to align income eligibility standards so that the Marketplace and Medicaid use the same way of measuring client income and asks HCPF to do a study on continuous eligibility for adults in Medicaid.	Withdrawn. This bill was withdrawn due to the fiscal note by Senator Aguilar and the Committee did not move it forward.
LLS NO. 16-0284	Broker Referral	(Introduced by Representative Sias) This bill will require Connect for Health Colorado to set up a process to refer customers to brokers, set up a call center, and collect data on how many customers are assisted by brokers.	Passed. This bill passed 6-4. Bill sponsors are Rep Sias and Senator Martinez-Humenik. Co-sponsors include Rep. Landgraf, Rep. Tate, Senator Lundberg, and Senator Roberts. This Committee bill will be introduced in the Senate in January.

The committee also voted on whether to send a letter to US Congressional Delegation. At the September 11 meeting, Senator Kefalas requested to send a letter to the US Congressional delegation to urge Congress to align income eligibility requirements for insurance affordability programs and quickly approve the State's cost allocation methodology. Due to one "no" vote from Senator Lundberg, the letter to Congress will not be addressed from the Committee as a whole, but it will be addressed from the 9 Members who did not oppose submission.