

Veto Message

S.B. 294:

The Utah Health Exchange is a nationally recognized effort to expand access to, and reduce the cost of, health care. S.B. 294, which was publicly released in the waning hours of the 44th day of the session, would hurt the Exchange's ability to operate effectively. It would likely lead to a redistribution of premiums in a fashion that would negatively impact older Utahns. S.B. 294 also carried a fiscal note the Utah Legislature did not fund. At a time when we are challenging the federal government's unconstitutional attempt to regulate health care, and asking that this be left to the states, it is imperative Utah have the tools it needs to provide an example to the nation of how reform should occur.