SB 5335

Senate Bill 5335 would create the Washington Health Care Trust which would be responsible to create and administer a comprehensive non-profit health care plan available to all Washington residents regardless of socioeconomic status or other factors. The plan would be free at point of service and financed by employer and employee contributions.

Issue statement: Quaker voice advocates that everyone has the opportunity to obtain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geography or other factors. Currently, many Washington residents are uninsured or have insurance with high co-pays and deductibles; in other words, they do not obtain optimal health outcomes.

Bill sponsors: Hasegawa, Hunt, Liias, Nguyen, Stanford

Committees: Senate Health and Long term Care

Groups supporting this bill:

Whole Washington
Universal Health Care Commission (hca.wa.gov)
Health Care for All Washington (hcfawa.org)

Background information

What are the pros and cons of universal health care? quota.com

Washington State Commission plots pathway toward universal health care www. The center square.com

Universal Health Care Commission (<u>hca.wa.gov</u>)

Healthcare-NOW! FAQ sheet (healthcare-now.org