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Senator Cunningham's "Health Care Freedom" Measure Passes Committee

Proposal Would Allow Missourians to Retain Right to Choose Medical and Insurance Options

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jane Cunningham's (R-Chesterfield) constitutional amendment that prohibits laws interfering with personal freedom in health care, also known as the "Health Care Freedom" resolution, passed the Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee today.

Senate Joint Resolution 25 calls for Missouri voters to approve a constitutional amendment that says no law can force a patient, employer, or health care provider to participate in any government or privately run health care system. The proposed legislation has 20 Senate co-sponsors.

"This is a key step in moving forward on a proposal that protects Missourian's right to decide what doctor they want to see, what treatments they want to have, and how they address their own health care needs," said Sen. Cunningham. "This legislation doesn't reject any federal health care option, or take away any current health care rights. It simply expands and protects your current options."

With the committee's passing vote, the measure now moves to the full Senate for debate.

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