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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1156\*

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Sponsors: Senator Odom.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the House.

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May 13, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPLICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE  
3 FOR THE COST-EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE.

4       Whereas, in the western world, 80% of the population will experience  
5 disabling back pain during their lives, and at any given time approximately 7% of the  
6 adult population in the United States is experiencing a bout of back pain that has been  
7 continuing for more than two weeks; and

8       Whereas, in 1992 the best estimate of direct and indirect costs of back pain in  
9 the United States is \$60,000,000,000, and in the United States in 1990 workers  
10 compensation costs for back and spinal care were about \$30,000,000,000; and

11       Whereas, independent research authorities such as the RAND Corporation  
12 reported in 1991 that spinal manipulation was now proven an appropriate treatment for  
13 most back pain patients; and

14       Whereas, chiropractic care is now the third largest primary health care  
15 profession in the western world after medicine and dentistry with approximately 80% of  
16 chiropractic care being for muscular-related pain, 10% being for migraine headaches,  
17 and 10% being for a wide variety of disorders caused fully or in part by spine lesions;  
18 and

19       Whereas, studies show that chiropractic management is highly cost-effective,  
20 reflecting almost a two to one advantage in work days lost and reduction in cost per  
21 injury;

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

23       Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study:

- 24       (1) The efficient and effective delivery of appropriate chiropractic care;  
25       (2) The extensive demand for chiropractic care as well as patient freedom  
26       of choice concerning appropriate care; and

1                   (3)    The cost-effectiveness of chiropractic care.

2                   Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim report of  
3 the results of this study, including legislative recommendations, to the 1993 General  
4 Assembly, Regular Session 1994, and shall make a final report to the 1995 General  
5 Assembly.

6                   Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.