

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act modifies the procedures to be used by the commissioner of health in reviewing major spending commitments that involve the construction of certain radiation therapy facilities. The act also requires the joint task force on health care costs and quality to study the prospective review and approval process.

- 1 **Radiation therapy facilities.** Requires major spending commitments involving the construction of a new radiation therapy facility within ten miles of an existing radiation therapy facility to be subject to prospective review and approval by the commissioner of health. (Under current law, major spending commitments, defined as expenditures in excess of \$500,000, are in most cases subject to retrospective review.) Requires the provider to be financially responsible for the cost of the prospective review and approval process. Exempts radiation therapy facilities owned and operated or managed by a hospital from the requirements of this section. Provides a March 1, 2003 expiration date for the section.
- 2 **Report by task force.** Requires the joint task force on health care costs and quality to report to the legislature by December 15, 2002, on whether prospective review and approval for health care providers making major spending commitments would reduce health care costs and/or improve health care quality.