



## Single-Payer In California Is Not The Answer

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT SINGLE PAYER

#### LA Times Columnist George Skelton and Los Angeles Daily News Editorial Board Shine Light On Single Payer Bill's Numerous Shortcomings

In a set of pieces that ran this week, Los Angeles Times columnist George Skelton and the Los Angeles Daily News editorial board both blasted SB 562, the bill to enact a single payer healthcare system in California. The Senate recently passed the measure without a funding mechanism. The bill now awaits action in the Assembly. Such a single-payer system could cost taxpayers an astronomical \$400 billion per year, according to the Senate Appropriation Committee's fiscal analysis.

Below are excerpts from the articles:

### Los Angeles Times

[From the Los Angeles Times' George Skelton: "California State Senators Passed A Single-Payer Healthcare Bill, But It's Going Nowhere Fast":](#)

June 5, 2017

"Don't delude yourself that legislation to create a California universal healthcare system passed the state Senate last week. All that passed was authorization to keep yakking about it in dreamland. Or you can look at it this way: A fantasy-driven single-payer healthcare concept was given the equivalent of a grade-school social promotion.

"...An analysis by the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Lara, pegged it at \$400 billion annually. To put that in perspective, total state spending for the next fiscal year is projected to be \$290 billion, including \$107 billion in federal dollars..."

### Los Angeles Daily News

June 2, 2017

[From the Los Angeles Daily News editorial board: "Half-Baked Single-Payer Health Plan Amounts to Political Stunt":](#)

"...On Thursday, the California state Senate made the bold move of voting to create a single-payer health system without having any idea of how to pay for it..."

"...Rather than provide the sort of thorough vetting such a massive overhaul demands, the bill's authors instead pushed for a vote on a half-baked proposal..."

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