



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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