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Outlook for Health Care Reform

Informational Hearing

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

1:30 – 4:00

Room 4203, State Capitol Building

1:30 – 1:45 Opening Remarks—Sen. Alquist, other committee members

1:45 – 2:25 Overview of states' efforts and outlook for federal reforms

- Enrique Martinez-Vidal, Vice President, Academy Health; and Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation State Coverage Initiatives Project (25 minutes)

Questions from committee members (15 minutes)

2:25 – 3:25 Perspectives on state and federal health care reform (5 - 7 minutes each)

- Federal outlook: Peter Harbage, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
- Shared responsibility approach: Ken Jacobs, Chair, UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education
- Single payer approach: Claudia Chaufan, MD, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology and Health Policy, UC San Francisco.
- Market – based reform approach: John R. Graham, Director of Health Care Studies, Pacific Research Institute
- San Francisco Health Plan: Tangerine Brigham, Director, Healthy San Francisco program

3:25 – 3:55 Public Comment

3:55 – 4:00 Closing comments—Senator Alquist