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When first introduced I had several concerns about House Bill 2010. I'm largely relieved we've stepped back.

While the concept of a public option is laudable in the absence of clear policy objectives that are aligned with other efforts you can do more harm than good.

So you would think that doing a study would be a great alternative. However, we first need to establish overall policy goals, health objectives, and effectiveness metrics, and design a system of reform that will allow us to achieve those ends.

We are on a path to have micro studies, task forces, panels, and political winds redirect our efforts. The core of reform needs to rest on the goals, needs and hopes of Oregonians at a local level and built up from there. Otherwise we are simply using a band aid approach.