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Measure Aims to Cut Ks out of Health Overhaul

(AP) - Conservative Kansas Republican officials who oppose the federal health care overhaul are pushing a proposal aimed at allowing the state to opt out of the program.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach and two GOP legislators urged the Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee Tuesday to pass a bill bringing Kansas into a compact among states that would assert control over health care policy within their borders. The committee could debate it later this week.

Most Republican lawmakers and Gov. Sam Brownback are highly critical of the federal health law championed by Democratic President Barack Obama.

AARP's Kansas chapter called the measure frivolous.

Congress would have to approve the compact and cede power to the states on health care. Compact supporters think that's a possibility if Republicans control both chambers.

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