



# Dr. Dynasaur 2.0

More Care for More Vermonters

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TO: Senate Health and Welfare Committee  
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Below are the estimates from Steve Klein about the range of costs for components of the Dr Dynasaur 2.0 study and some of the expected work products

## **Micro Economic Analysis** -\$250,000-\$375,000

An entity that already has a microsimulation model such as Rand Corporation or Urban Institute would run the tax package developed by Deb Brighton and apply it to household level of taxation so we could learn, among other things:

- “Winners and losers” who is paying more and getting less.
- How are businesses going to behave under tax package and new health care costs
- Current state of health care costs vs future health care costs
- Cost of expansion to State of Vermont and a waiver analysis to determine federal monies gained/lost

## **Macro Economic Analysis:** Kavet/Carr- \$60,000-\$80,000

- What is economic impact on companies- based on everything businesses do, what happens in economy after expansion of Dr Dynasaur
- What are the savings to Vermont as a result of the new tax package
- How overall Vermont economy would benefit- by spending this money will Vermonters save on health care costs and will a new tax package harm/help Vermont's economy
- If micro economic analysis finds that based on the tax package that businesses will save money, macro analysis researches what businesses will do with the savings
- What state tax impacts will expansion have on Education Fund, General Fund, etc
- Provide impacts of expansion by business sector- who does better, who does worse

## **Develop Tax Package:** Deb Brighton- \$20,000-\$30,000

- Manipulate data from the Vermont Tax Department into a tax plan for use in micro and macro economic analysis

## **Actuarial Analysis:** Wakely-\$130,000

- What is PMPM cost for kids under expansion
- Does Dr Dynasaur's PMPM cost decrease by bringing in a higher income population
- What does expansion do to rates in the rest of the market
- Cost of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rate for various services

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