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3 **Title: Support for the Development of the Michigan Health**  
4 **Information Network**

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10 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**

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12 **House Action: No Action**  
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15 **Whereas, patient care information in the form of medical records can**  
16 **have a major impact on the timeliness, efficiency, and effectiveness of patient**  
17 **care, and**

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19 **Whereas, health information technology can facilitate distribution of**  
20 **patient information, and**

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22 **Whereas, the exchange of such information among health care systems,**  
23 **private practice settings, and other care environments will impact the quality**  
24 **and cost of health care in Michigan, and**

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26 **Whereas, accomplishing this requires implementation of a new, robust,**  
27 **flexible infrastructure allowing for the exchange of health information in a**  
28 **secure, extensible fashion, and**

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30 **Whereas, technology vendors and standards recently have been**  
31 **developed to support such initiatives, and**

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33 **Whereas, other states and governments in the United States and**  
34 **throughout the world now see this as practical and are funding and**  
35 **developing such infrastructure, and**

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37 **Whereas, the state of Michigan working in conjunction with the federal**  
38 **government is seeking develop such and infrastructure for the state of**  
39 **Michigan through a process that is already underway called the Michigan**  
40 **Health Information Network, (MiHIN)<sup>1,2</sup>, and**

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42 **Whereas, as currently being designed, MiHIN will readily allow for**  
43 **information exchange across states through the Nation Health Information**  
44 **exchange efforts being funded through the American Recovery and**  
45 **Reinvestment Act, and**

46           **Whereas, this infrastructure will have a major impact on provider access**  
47 **to information necessary to patient care, and**

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49           **Whereas, such information exchange networks will facilitate patient’s**  
50 **ease of access to their own health care information allowing for efficient**  
51 **exchange of such information to other provider networks where they may**  
52 **choose to seek care; therefore be it**

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54           **RESOLVED: That MSMS express its support for Michigan Health**  
55 **Information Network.**

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58 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

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<sup>1</sup> MiHIN website: <http://www.michigan.gov/mihin>

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of the MSMS Information Technology Committee, January, 2010, presentation on MiHIN (attached), by Gregory J. Forzley, MD