

**Creating A Regional Health Insurance Group**

Legislator Aiello offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster spends \$18 million dollars for health insurance benefits for County of Ulster employees and retirees, and

WHEREAS, the premiums increased this year requiring amendments to the current plan and the 2006 Ulster County Budget, and

WHEREAS, health insurance costs with the same carriers vary between the County of Ulster and Ulster County towns and school districts, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County provides health insurance to a majority of their employees and retirees, and

WHEREAS, rates are cheaper for larger groups, and regionalizing large groups create more leverage for cheaper rates, and

WHEREAS, joining with Ulster County towns, City of Kingston and Ulster County school districts into one group would greatly increase the size of the group, and

WHEREAS, this large regional group could obtain cheaper rates or better coverage because of increased membership, and

WHEREAS, the lower rates and the regional group could be open to the uninsured at a cheaper rate.

RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to appoint a committee to conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of creating a “Regional Health Insurance Group,”

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE