

## States (not) opting-out: Health Reform Challenges, Waivers, and Alternatives

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Ballot Proposition 63 sought to amend the State  
Constitution by prohibiting an individual health  
care mandate.

It lost 53-47.

**In 2011, the Colorado legislature said  
“No” to opting out of the ACA**

HB11-1273 sought to create an interstate compact that would have allowed Colorado to opt-out of Federal health reform.

The bill died in the Senate Local Government Committee.

**Colorado established a Health  
Exchange with SB11-200**

A historically broad, unique, and bipartisan coalition of legislators, business leaders, and consumer advocates collaborated to establish a health exchange in Colorado.