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Democrats Reject Proposal to Limit Size of Bloated Washington Bureaucracies

Washington, D.C. – In a party-line vote, Democrats on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee today rejected a Coburn amendment to limit the size of government by setting up a “cap and trade” system for the Department of Health and Human Services. The proposal would require that every new employee hired at HHS under the Kennedy health care bill be offset by another bureaucrat.

“At some point, we need to stop growing the size of government,” said Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the HELP Committee. **“Health care reform can’t just be new spending without any controls.”**

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