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# California Voter Survey: Independent Health Care Cost Commission May 25, 2018

## Methodology

David Binder Research conducted a survey of 800 likely November 2018 voters from May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Half of the interviews were conducted online and half by telephone. For telephone interviews, 51% were conducted by landline and 49% by cell phone. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5%.

## Topline Findings

**Two in three California voters support an independent cost commission to review and approve the prices hospitals, doctors, and other providers of health care can charge.**

Sixty-eight percent of voters support an independent cost commission, including 41% who strongly support this idea. Twenty-seven percent are opposed. Strong majorities of Democrats (84%) and independents (68%) support the proposal, as do 40% of Republicans.

Independent Cost Commission	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Net Support
Do you support or oppose establishing an independent commission to review and approve the prices hospitals, doctors, and other providers of health care can charge?	68	27	5	+ 41

**Strong majorities support state government action to bring down health care prices, and support putting limits on what health care providers can charge.**

Over three in four voters (78%) support the California state government taking action to reduce health care costs in the state.

Seventy-two percent agree that the government should act as a check on health care providers to get costs under control. Two in three say the government should step in and put limits on prices, including 84% of Democrats, 68% of independents and 39% of Republicans.

Cost Drivers and Constraints	Agree	Disagree
The government should act as a check on health care providers to get costs under control	72	25
The government needs to step in and put limits on what health care providers can charge	67	30