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This follows up to my previous comment where I ran out of room.

As an alternative to directing the OHA to study vaccine finance, I would urge the legislature to establish 1) An independent nonpartisan legislative analyst office, and 2) under it an "Office of Health Technology Assessment." It would independently evaluate products, policies, and financing structures used by state and local agencies with golden key access to public data and then issue readable reports to the legislature. Such an office existed in the federal government from 1974 to 1995. Legislative committees could then direct the OTA to advise the legislature on complex scientific and technological issues.

I suspect such an office would pay for itself through both cost savings and avoiding costly mistakes.