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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6710

BILL NUMBER: HB 1300

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 31, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Mar 30, 2009

SUBJECT: Health Plan Requirements and Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Health Plan Requirements*. The bill requires specified insurers to provide information to the Insurance Commissioner concerning the costs and savings of implementing direct reimbursement to out-of-network health care providers. It also requires certain health plan notice to covered individuals concerning claim payments.

Health Finance Commission Study. This bill requires the Health Finance Commission to study (1) health plan provider contract provisions that would require a contracted provider to accept more than a certain number of patients; and (2) whether an insurer should be required to directly reimburse an out-of-network health care provider. It requires the commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council before November 1, 2009.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Health Finance Commission Study*. This bill would have a minimal impact in FY 2010 only if the committee held a meeting or meetings that it would not have held were it not for the need to study the topic assigned under the bill. If the committee met an additional time or times to consider the topic, per diem and travel expenses for the committee would increase. However, total expenses for the committee could not exceed its budget, which is established by the Legislative Council. The budget for the 2008 interim was \$16,500.

The Health Finance Commission is funded from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Insurance; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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