
Health Care Committee

HB 1870

Brief Description: Creating an alternate plan of health care for state employees.

Sponsors: Representatives Pflug, Bailey, Benson, Priest, Anderson, Woods, Holmquist, Clements, Skinner, Chandler, Ericksen, Mielke and Shabro.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes a new health insurance option for individuals eligible to receive coverage through the Public Employees Benefit Board.

Hearing Date: 2/26/03

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

The Public Employees Benefit Board designs employee benefit plans that include comprehensive health care benefits for public employees. It also determines the terms and conditions of employee participation and coverage.

Summary of Bill:

The Public Employees Benefit Board is authorized to design a plan of health care coverage that is more limited in scope than existing comprehensive health insurance options. Elements of the plan may include a limited scope of services, high deductibles, care management and cost-containment measures, and a flexible funding account that may be used to pay for health care services.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.