

HB 2575-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to support the establishment by the state of an evidence-based health technology assessment program that: (1) Conducts systematic reviews of scientific and medical literature to identify safe, efficacious, and cost-effective treatments;

(2) Provides for the establishment of a statewide health technology clinical committee;

(3) Develops methods and processes to track the application of evidence-based practice and health outcomes across state agencies;

(4) Provides clear and transparent access to the scientific basis of coverage decisions and treatment guidelines developed under this program; and

(5) To the extent possible, collaborates with other states in the development and implementation of the program.

Requires the administrator of the health care authority, in consultation with the participating agencies and their medical directors, to establish a health technology clinical committee.

Requires the health technology clinical committee to review the results of the systematic assessments of health technologies conducted by an evidence-based health technology assessment center.

Establishes a health technology legislative oversight committee. The committee shall consist of two members from each caucus of the senate, and two members from each caucus of the house of representatives. The health technology legislative oversight committee shall: (1) Review and report at least annually on the impact of health technology coverage decisions made by the health technology clinical committee and state agencies on patient access, treatment quality, and overall health care costs; and

(2) Provide manufacturers of a health technology and organizations with an interest in a health technology an opportunity to present information related to the operation of the health technology assessment program, including coverage decisions and other matters at the discretion of the health technology legislative oversight committee.