

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5450

As Passed Senate, March 4, 2013

Title: An act relating to public hospital districts insurance coverage for commissioners.

Brief Description: Concerning public hospital districts insurance coverage for commissioners.

Sponsors: Senator Parlette.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health Care: 2/18/13, 2/19/13 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/04/13, 46-3.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Becker, Chair; Dammeier, Vice Chair; Keiser, Ranking Member; Bailey, Cleveland, Ericksen, Frockt, Parlette and Schlicher.

Staff: Mich'l Needham (786-7442)

Background: Public hospital districts are established in statute, including provisions for hospital commissioners' compensation and benefits. The district that offers group health benefits to employees may offer the same group benefits to the commissioners.

Summary of Bill: Public hospital districts that offer group health benefits to employees may offer similar group benefits to the commissioners.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is a request from one of my public hospital districts because they cannot afford to offer the same coverage to the commissioners that they provide to employees.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Parlette, prime sponsor.