
Health Care & Wellness Committee

SSB 6238

Brief Description: Allowing the prescription of a schedule II controlled substance to treat a binge eating disorder.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Keiser, Cleveland, Miloscia and Chase).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Allows schedule II amphetamine and non-narcotic stimulants to be prescribed for binge eating disorder.

Hearing Date: 2/24/16

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

Authorized prescribers of controlled substances may only prescribe schedule II amphetamines or schedule II non-narcotic stimulants for certain diseases or conditions or under certain circumstances, including for the:

- treatment of narcolepsy;
- treatment of hyperkinesia;
- treatment of drug-induced brain dysfunction;
- treatment of epilepsy;
- differential diagnosis of depression;
- treatment of depression that is refractory to other therapeutic modalities;
- treatment of multiple sclerosis; or
- clinical investigation of the effects of the drugs.

Summary of Bill:

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Authorized prescribers of controlled substances may prescribe schedule II amphetamines or schedule II non-narcotic stimulants for the treatment of binge eating disorder.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 22, 2016.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.