

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB322

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Morgan

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Health insurance; carrier business practices.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Prohibits a health insurance carrier from establishing or implementing a policy or procedure that allows the carrier to deny payment of a claim solely because the covered subscriber or dependent has not responded to an inquiry regarding the existence of other health insurance coverage. The measure also requires carriers to pay clear claims submitted electronically within 14 days following receipt. Currently, all clear claims must be paid within 40 days, regardless of the medium by which the claim is submitted.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: The Department of Human Resource Management indicates that this bill should not adversely impact the state employee health insurance program.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Health insurance carriers.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Administration