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**State Corporation Commission**  
**2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB574

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** DeSteph

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Step therapy protocols.

**5. Summary:** Requires health benefit plans that restrict the use of any prescription drug through the use of a step therapy protocol to have in place a clear, convenient, and expeditious process for a prescribing medical provider to request an override of such restrictions for a patient. A step therapy protocol is a protocol or program that (i) establishes the specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are medically appropriate for a particular covered person and are covered by a health benefit plan or that (ii) conditions coverage of a prescription medication on a patient's first trying an alternative medication without success. The measure requires the granting of a step therapy protocol override if any of certain conditions are satisfied.

**6. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

**8. Fiscal Implications:** None on the State Corporation Commission

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** Senator DeSteph introduced 2017 House Bill 1408. The amendment in the nature of a substitute (substitute) to the bill, which was passed by indefinitely in Senate Commerce and Labor, is identical to 2018 Senate Bill 574. All technical comments made by the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance to the 2017 substitute were incorporated into 2018 Senate Bill 574.

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