

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB667

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; coverage for alternatives to surgery.

5. Summary: Requires health insurers, corporations providing accident and sickness subscription contracts, and health maintenance organizations whose policies, contracts or plans cover surgical treatment of a medical condition or disease to also cover a nonsurgical treatment for the condition or disease if it is (i) less expensive, (ii) less dangerous, (iii) not experimental or investigational, (iv) generally recognized by the regional medical community as an appropriate treatment for the condition or disease, and (v) not less efficacious than the surgical treatment.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: The state employee health insurance program already provides coverage for the proposed legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State agencies and political subdivisions that provide health insurance to employees.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A

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