

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1977

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: Ware, R.L.

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Health insurance; mandated coverage for prosthetic devices and components.**

5. Summary: Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the cost of prosthetic devices and components. The measure also requires that the health insurance plan for state employees include coverage for the cost of prosthetic devices and components.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No Impact

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Existing coverage under the state employee health insurance program is consistent with the provisions of this bill and consequently, very little or no impact is anticipated on the state employee program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: The State Corporation Commission suggests the following technical amendment: Delete Lines 451 and 452. (“7. The provisions of this section shall apply to group health service plan contracts and to health maintenance organization policies and plans.”) The reason for this proposed deletion is that lines 424 through 426 already provide for the applicability of the bill’s provisions (“each corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts; and each health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services shall provide....”).

11. Other Comments: This bill appears to be identical to SB 1116.

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cc: Secretary of Administration