

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1940-H1

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

2. Patron: Greason

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

5. Summary: The legislation, as amended, requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from ages two years through 10 years. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age six. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2016.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 467.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Based on the data provided from Anthem and Aon to the Department of Human Resource Management, expanding coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals from ages two years through 10 years would result in a fiscal impact of \$613,845 to the state health plan. The general fund portion of costs associated with changes in the employer's share of premiums paid for the state's health plan would have to be adjusted as a result of this legislation.

The introduced bill, which had proposed expanding coverage to individuals of any age, had an estimated fiscal impact of \$2.1 million to the state health plan.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management, Administration of Health Insurance, and State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: In accordance with legislation enacted in 2013, reviews of expansions of existing health insurance mandates are now conducted by the Health Insurance Reform Commission.

c: Secretary of Administration

Secretary of Health and Human Resources