

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB987-E

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

**2. Patron:** Maldonado

**3. Committee:** Labor and Commerce

**4. Title:** Proton radiation therapy; clinical evidence for decisions on coverage.

**5. Summary:** The engrossed bill requires that a health insurance carrier may consider (i) coverage of a proton radiation therapy treatment by Medicare, Medicaid, or any other governmental health care coverage for any type of cancer or (ii) a recommendation of proton radiation therapy by a patient's treating physician or radiation oncologist as a sufficient standard of clinical evidence to justify coverage of proton radiation therapy.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate – see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Human Resource Management, the proposed legislation may have an annual fiscal impact of \$457,000 on the state health insurance plan to provide proton radiation therapy coverage. However, the fiscal impact cannot be determined as a health insurance carrier may consider one of the sufficient standards of clinical evidence, as identified in the bill, to justify coverage of proton radiation therapy.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Human Resource Management

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.