

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Health Care
Vote:	5 - 0 - 3
Yeas:	Berger, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Barnhart, Freeman, Garrett
Prepared By:	Jim Stenbridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and collective bargaining agreements from allowing state employees to elect benefit plan coverage for family members who are also state employees. Directs PEBB to pay \$300 per month to eligible employees who opt out of health benefit plan coverage for family members who are also state employees.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to the Committee on Health Care

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: PEBB designs, contracts and administers medical, dental, life, accident, disability and long-term care insurance, and flexible spending accounts for state employees and their dependents. The Board also offers healthcare insurance options for retirees not yet eligible for Medicare and individuals in other participating groups. PEBB's total membership is approximately 127,000 individuals.