

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Beyer

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 10, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: SB 634-A requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to register certain health care contracting entities. These entities are defined in the bill. The bill includes an emergency clause, and is operative for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2012. DCBS may take any action necessary to implement the bill upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No discussion

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: SB 634-A specifies that a contracting entity or third party may not contract with another third party to provide access to health care services and discounted rates of a provider unless the contract is specifically authorized by the provider network contract and the third party contract obligates the third party to comply with all applicable terms of the provider network contract. The contracting entity is in turn responsible for: providing a list of all third parties known to which the contracting entity has provided, or will provide, access to services and discounted rates under the provider network contract; maintaining a website or other mechanism through which a provider may obtain such a list; provide third parties with information necessary to comply with the provider network contract; require third parties to identify the source of contractual discount in rates taken under the provider network contract; and notify third parties of termination of the provider network contract.