

HB 2723 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sollman

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Malstrom, Nosse

Exc: 2 - Hack, Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) to review the therapeutic and clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of hippotherapy. Requires HERC to submit a report to legislative committees no later than December 31, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Therapeutic value of hippotherapy
- Peer reviewed hippotherapy research articles
- Personal experiences with hippotherapy
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The American Hippotherapy Association defines hippotherapy as the method by which occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology professionals use evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning in the purposeful manipulation of equine movement to engage sensory, neuromotor, and cognitive systems to achieve functional outcomes. In conjunction with the affordances of the equine environment and other treatment strategies, hippotherapy can be part of a patient's integrated plan of care.