

## Health Security Act –SB 720 and HB 1222

### Key 2007 Bill Changes

- 1.** Definition of “health facility” changed to specifically include primary care clinics. (pp. 3-4). Clarified the licensing requirement for health facilities. (p. 3, line 25, p. 4, lines 1-7)
- 2.** Added language to make it clear that a state employee who is exempt from the Personnel Act as well as an elected official cannot serve on the nominating committee. (In the 2005 version only elected officials were excluded from serving on the nominating committee.) (p. 6, lines 14-15)
- 3.** Added language to make it clear that an elected official as well as a state employee who is exempt from the Personnel Act cannot serve on the commission. (In the 2005 version only exempt employees were excluded from serving on the commission.) (p. 9, lines 12-13)
- 4.** Added language that requires a member of the nominating commission or commission to be eligible for or enrolled in the health security plan. (pp. 6, lines 15-16, p. 9, lines 13-14)
- 5.** Added a provision that requires that the commission provide for annual training for its members on health care coverage, policy and financing. (p. 20, lines 8-9)
- 6.** Added language to clarify that the legislature may choose to base its approval of the health security plan budget on the findings and recommendations of an independent audit or actuarial study (as opposed to only relying on the commission’s audit or actuarial study). (p. 40 lines 9-11)
- 7.** Changes “businesses that are covered by the provisions of [ERISA] may elect to participate in the health plan” to “health plans that are covered by the provisions of [ERISA] may elect to participated in the health security plan.” Plans covered under ERISA may include union/management plans, not just businesses. (p. 50 lines 20-21)
- 8.** Added language to require the commission to work with the counties regarding the expenditure of their indigent funds (p 52, lines 18-20).
- 9.** Added a provision that the commission must maintain sufficient reserves in its fund to provide for catastrophic and unforeseen expenditures. (p. 53, lines 6-9)
- 10.** Clarified the language requiring the superintendent of insurance to lower workers’ compensation and automobile insurance premiums. (p 54, lines 2-6)
- 11.** Added language requiring that a beneficiary’s premium be income-based. (p. 54 line 17)
- 12.** Changed all references to “health plan” to “health security plan.”

