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2007 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2069

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2069

Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: 1-08-07

Recorder Job Number: 728

Committee Clerk Signature

Mary K Monson

Minutes:

Senator Judy Lee, Chairman opened the hearing on SB 2069 relating to the determination of self-employment income for eligibility for the children's health insurance program. All committee members were present.

Senator Lee noted that SB 2069 had a fiscal note but there was no fiscal impact of importance.

Curtis Volesky: (Director of Medicaid Eligibility of the Dept. of Human Services) Testified in support of SB 2069. See written testimony (Attachment 1).

Chairman Lee asked how many times this comes up.

Curtis Volesky replied that usually at the beginning of the year there are a number of cases that are affected.

Senator Dever asked if this procedure is consistent with eligibility for other Human Service programs.

Curtis Volesky replied that Medicaid is probably the closest related program and the changes would allow them to be a little closer to what is done for Medicaid.

Kathy Hogan: (Cass County Social Services Director) She reported that the Counties do the eligibility for this particular program. This will simplify and make it more consistent with Medicaid so they are supporting this bill.

There was no opposing or neutral testimony.

The hearing on SB 2069 was closed.

Senator Warner made a motion for a **Do Pass**. Second by **Senator Erbele**.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. **Passed**. Floor carrier is **Senator Heckaman**.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

12/27/2006

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2069

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This Bill clarifies guidelines used in the determination of self-employment income for eligibility for the children's health insurance program. There is no fiscal impact of this bill.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

There is no fiscal impact of this bill.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 8, 2007 12:50 p.m.

Module No: SR-04-0298
Carrier: Heckaman
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2069: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2069 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2069

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2069

House Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date: February 7, 2007

Recorder Job Number: No minutes on the recorder

Committee Clerk Signature

Judy Schock

Minutes:

Chairman Price: opens the hearing on SB 2069.

Curtis Volesky, Director of Medicaid Eligibility of Department of Human Services: See attached testimony.

Chairman Price: Anyone else to testify in SB 2069? Anyone in opposition of the bill?

Hearing none we close the hearing on SB 2069.

Chairman Price: Committee what are your wishes on the bill?

Representative Porter moves a do pass, **Representative Weisz** seconds the move.

Representative Price asks if there is discussion. The vote was taken with 12 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 absent. **Represent Hofstad** will carry the bill to the floor.

Date: 2/7
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House HUMAN SERVICES SB 2069 Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Wesley Hoystad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price – Chairman	✓		Kari L Conrad	✓	
Vonnie Pietsch – Vice Chairman	✓		Lee Kaldor	✓	
Chuck Damschen	✓		Louise Potter	✓	
Patrick R. Hatlestad	✓		Jasper Schneider	✓	
Curt Hofstad	✓				
Todd Porter	✓				
Gerry Uglen	✓				
Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 "Click here to type Yes Vote" No 0 "Click here to type No Vote"

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Hoystad

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2069: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2069 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

SB 2069

Testimony
Senate Bill 2069 – Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
January 8, 2007

Same given to House

Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Curtis Volesky, Director of Medicaid Eligibility of the Department of Human Services. I am here to provide information regarding suggested changes in SB 2069 which relates to establishing eligibility for the State Children's Health Insurance Program for self-employed families.

When determining eligibility for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as the Healthy Steps Program, for families with self-employment income, current State law requires use of the adjusted gross income or loss from the lower of either the previous one year's income tax return, or the average from the previous three years income tax returns. While this process works well for most cases, it poses difficulties for families and eligibility staff when processing applications early in the year before families have filed their previous year's taxes. Currently, families must provide ledgers and try to estimate the previous year's adjusted income or loss if the business is new, or use a prior year's tax return as an estimate of the income or loss from the year that has not yet been filed.

The changes recommended in this bill would allow flexibility to use the previous year, or years, of income taxes that have been filed. For instance, if applying in January 2007, and they have not yet filed their 2006 taxes, eligibility could be established based on the adjusted gross

income or loss from the lower of either their 2005 taxes, or the average from their 2004 and 2005 taxes.

Similarly, some families that apply may have recently established their self-employment business and may not have filed their first tax return, they may have recently terminated a self employment business, or their business may have been subjected to a severe change, such as an uninsured loss or a decrease or increase in the size of their operation. The recommended changes would allow these families to provide other reliable information to better estimate their income and more accurately determine whether they qualify for benefits.

I will be glad to answer any questions regarding my testimony.
Thank you.