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2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1349

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1349

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 21, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		26.6 - 61.6
2		x	0.0 - 10.4
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Rayburn</i>			

Rep. Sandvig appeared as prime sponsor and handed out a sheet on colorectal cancer.

Sparb Collins, (PERS) appeared in support with written testimony, and proposed an amendment.

Rep. Wentz appeared to share her own experience and not to speak either for or against the bill and gave a hand out on the comparative costs of cancer treatment.

Deborah Knuth, Dir. of American Cancer Society appeared in support with written testimony.

Dave Peske appeared for Douglas Bergland, MD in support with written testimony.

Rep. Porter had a question on sigmoidoscopy vs. colonoscopy no options being written in the bill.

Penni Weston, ND Nurses Assoc. appeared in support with written testimony.

Rod St. Aubyn, BCBS appeared in opposition of the bill with written testimony also noting that if its medically indicated, these procedures are covered by insurance now.

Rep. Sandvig had questions on the statement that a colonoscopy is the only test that will find colon cancer in certain areas and if the screening tests actually find the cancer or just indicate it was present. Also wondered why these 2 tests don't agree on time lines.

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Dr. Paul Jondahl, Doctor of the day was asked to explain the test. The fecal occult screening just checks for blood, its a much cheaper test, but if you get a nose bleed and swallow a lot of blood, then it would turn positive. It does not tell you that there are cancerous cells there, just means you need to be evaluated.

Closed the hearing.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. (HB 1349) & HB 1247

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		x	47.6 - 57.4
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Reynolds</i>			

Minutes: Committee Work

Rep. Potter asked what determines a mandate? Answer: anything that adds a service to a service.

Rep. Devlin moves the mandate on those 2 bills (HB 1247 & HB 1349), seconded by Rep. Weisz.

Rep. Porter asked what this is going to cost us? Answer: essentially \$5,000.00 per bill.

Vote on motion: 12 - 1 - 1

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1349

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 5, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	48.7 - 61.7
2	x		0.0 - 10.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Gray</i>			

Minutes: Committee Work

Rep. Sandvig handed out amendments & moved them, second by Rep. Niemeier. Rep. Sandvig went through and explained what the amendments would do.

12 - 0 - 1 Amendment passed

Rep. Price noted that Section 54 is the PERS Plan.

Rep. Porter noted that #1 this still falls back to a mandate on a small business, #2 the best screening test available is already a covered service and if that screening test comes back positive then the physician can through medical necessity once again in assessment move up to the next levels of what they feel is necessary to treat the patient.

Rep. Sandvig noted that the fecal occult test doesn't detect cancer, but as Rep. Porter stated, it does indicate a warning for further testing which is covered.

Rep. Sandvig moved to add Sparb Collins amendment to appropriations second by Rep. Devlin.

Vote: 11 - 1 - 1 Amendment passed.

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Rep. Niemeier moves a DO PASS as Double AMENDED & Refer to Appropriations, second by

Rep. Amerman

3 - 9 - 1 Motion Failed

Rep. Devlin moved a DO NOT PASS as AMENDED, second by Rep. Pollert

Rep. Pollert stated that this in reference to Rep. Sandvig's statement about business, Thank God there are people in this room who want to take an entrepreneurial step and try to provide jobs for the State of North Dakota because if we actually would want to do it the way Sandvig would, we probably wouldn't have any economic development in the State.

Vote: 9 - 3 - 1 Rep. Porter to carry the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 02/10/2003

Amendment to: HB 1349

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.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$322,845	\$720,410	\$322,845	\$720,410
Appropriations			\$322,845	\$299,800	\$322,845	\$299,800

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$132,400	\$65,750	\$82,100	\$132,400	\$65,750	\$82,100

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

The PSA and fecal occult blood test screenings are already covered by the NDPERS benefit, so would not have an added cost to NDPERS.
 The additional cost to NDPERS to cover the flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, and double contrast barium enema as screenings is estimated at \$3.20 per contract per month (spread over ALI contracts) for the 7-03/6-05 biennium. This assumes that the colonoscopy would be allowed once every 10 years, beginning at age 50, as recommended by the AMA. The flexible sigmoidoscopy and double contrast barium enema would be allowed once every 5 years, beginning at age 50, as recommended by the AMA.

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.

The expenditures are the cost of the additional premium that will be necessary to pay for the new benefits proposed in this bill. The expenditures are for all state contracts.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The appropriation is the additional appropriation needed for the state agencies to pay the higher premium needed to support the proposed new benefits in this bill. The premium included in the Governor's budget did not provide for this benefit. Higher Education is not included in the appropriation since they have a continuing appropriation.

Name:	Sparb Collins	Agency:	Public Employees Retirement System
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