

State Impact

It is assumed that the new health plan that this bill requires Public Employees Health Program (PEHP) to offer will be designed to be cost-neutral to the State.

Public Employees Health Program's costs during the first year following enactment of this bill are estimated to total \$40,000 for computer programming, on-line and printed consumer information, and general administration of the new health plan. Thereafter, annual costs for general administration and maintenance of the plan will be covered through the premiums collected. Future premium levels could be affected, depending on PEHP's ability to maintain discounts negotiated on quantity (i.e. shifts in enrollment from traditional plan offerings to the new plan may erode these discounts).

Individual and Business Impact

Any fiscal impact will be dependent on the options chosen by individual participants.