

1Sub HB 207, INSULIN ACCESS AMENDMENTS,

(Thurston, N)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact: \$0

Summary:

1 Sub HB 207 would allow expanded prescribing of insulin by pharmacists and nurses, cap the out of pocket cost for insulin at \$30 for health benefit plans beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and reduce the out of pocket cost for insulin to the lowest cost sharing tier for insureds unless they meet certain exceptions, and instructs PEHP to create a discount insulin program available to all Utahns.

The substitute bill makes specific modifications to the original bill to alleviate the fiscal impact on the state health insurance risk pool, namely:

- 1) Allows a health plan to require participation in wellness activities to qualify for the lowest drug tier.
- 2) Allows a portion of the manufacturer rebate to be retained to make the state health insurance risk pool whole for giving participants the benefit of insulin at a post-rebate price at the point of sale.

The substitute bill requires PEHP to create a discount program for insulin. We anticipate implementation and others costs for the program of at least \$25,000. This amount can be absorbed within the existing budgets.

In sum, the substitute bill makes amendments to alleviate the fiscal impact to the state from the original bill, and the costs of implementing the discount program can be handled within PEHP's existing budget.