

**HB 363, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
AMENDMENTS, (Harrison, S)**

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

No anticipated costs to the state employee risk pool

This bill makes it possible for PEHP to work with government entities outside of Utah to explore new opportunities for reducing healthcare costs. The bill does not require joint action, but just opens up the possibility, similar to what Medicaid currently does, in jointly purchasing drugs with other states through a compact.

The bill also establishes safeguards for determining when joint action would be appropriate. This includes approval by the Utah Retirement Systems Board, a demonstration of cost savings, and a prohibition against things that might hurt the state, like commingling funds or adopting greater risk.

As such, PEHP hopes that this bill will create savings and does not expect any additional costs to the state employee risk pool.