

HB 313 1Sub, TELEMEDICINE PARITY AMENDMENTS,
(Ballard, M G)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact:

This bill does not impose any additional requirements or costs on the state health insurance risk pool

This substitute bill enacts provisions in the insurance code that are similar to provisions already in the Utah Retirement Act (section 49-20-414) which governs the state health insurance risk pool.

Under section 49-20-414, the state health insurance risk pool is required to: 1) allow a provider to bill for telemedicine services at the provider's request and 2) pay a commercially reasonable rate for those services. In compliance with this statute, PEHP has determined, through RFP, that \$59 is a commercially reasonable rate for a telemedicine vendor. It has further determined that to offset potential utilization increases and to recognize lower fixed costs 90% of PEHP's normal fee schedule is commercially reasonable for regular e-visits.

This substitute bill is consistent with PEHP's current process for determining commercially reasonable rates.

Thus, we would not expect this bill to add costs to the state health insurance risk pool.