

2nd Sub HB 193 TRANSGENDER MEDICAL PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS (Ward, Raymond P.) with original sponsor (Peck, Nicholeen P.)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact: None for state, \$.34 per member per month savings for public entities that cover this benefit.

2nd Sub HB 193 would prohibit the direct or indirect payment of public funds for transgender-related surgeries but continue to allow hormone therapy for adults for gender transition. This prohibition on the use of public funds for surgeries would extend to health insurance coverage provided to public employees, including the state. Because the state does not cover transgender-related surgeries, 2nd Sub HB 193 would not impact state coverage. The State has not historically had any limit or authorization on hormone therapy. Thus, this substitute bill would not increase any state health plan costs.

ANTICIPATED FISCAL IMPACT ON EDUCATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES – would depend on coverage Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 31A-22-605.5(2)(b) and (3) – a health insurance mandate shall apply to health coverage offered in the state risk pool, public school districts, charter schools and institutions of higher education. PEHP does not cover every public school district, charter school or institution of higher education in the state. Some public entity employees are insured through private insurance carriers. Other public entities that currently provide coverage may experience a cost savings of approximately \$.34 per member per month from 2 Sub HB 193 for the removal of surgery prohibitions, and would remain cost neutral on hormone therapy.