



Hi All,

Two quick updates. First HB 1232, the public option bill, was finally voted on in House Health and Insurance today. It passed party line and [strike below L046](#) passed – along with one other in committee, with the next stop being House Appropriations. The approved strike below is attached here. The additional amendments did the following things:

- L056 – “technical amendment from sponsors” (McCormick moved) – floor starts at 155 and then is tiered to move folks who are eligible to 165% of Medicare – adopted without objection
- L058 – McKean – this amendment would lock benefits into where they are right now and not allow for any additional mandates to make sure stakeholders are able to achieve cost reductions required – sponsors are not supportive of the amendment, there was objection and it failed on a party line vote 8-5
- L057 – Baisley – remove small group markets – two other amendments to L057 to conform to the strike below, however after some debate the chair ruled that they could not amend the amendment and so Baisley will presumably run his amendment on 2nd reading

The second update is on [HB 1198](#) – the charity care expansion bill. It was heard in House Health and Insurance last week, and passed on a party line vote 8-5. There were a number of amendments to the bill that removed a majority of concerns from stakeholders, here is the preamended version for easy review of those changes. We would recommend the Healthcare Council move from an oppose to a neutral position on this bill. If any Council members disagree with that recommendation please contact Katie Wolf.

Please email Katie Wolf, kwolf@cochamber.com with any questions on concerns.

Thank you!

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