Local Government Committee

SB 5450

Brief Description: Concerning public hospital districts insurance coverage for commissioners.

Sponsors: Senator Parlette.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Authorizes a public hospital district that provides group insurance for its employees and their immediate family and dependents, to provide similar coverage, rather than the same coverage, for the district's commissioners.

Hearing Date: 3/15/13

Staff: Ethan Moreno (786-7386).

Background:

Public hospital districts are community-created, publicly-owned governmental entities that are authorized to deliver hospital and other health care services to residents within and outside of the district.

Public hospital districts are governed by three, five, or seven elected commissioners who serve six-year terms. The commissioners are not salaried, but receive \$90 per day for conducting official district services, up to an annual maximum of \$8,640, as adjusted for inflation. Additionally, if the district provides group insurance for its employees and their immediate family and dependents, the district may also provide its commissioners with the same coverage.

Summary of Bill:

A public hospital district that provides group insurance for its employees and their immediate family and dependents, may provide similar coverage, rather than the same coverage, for the commissioners of the district.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.