

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2318

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Health & Long-Term Care, February 21, 2002

Title: An act relating to the insurance commissioner's participation on the Washington health care facilities authority.

Brief Description: Allowing a designee to represent the insurance commissioner on the health care facilities authority.

Sponsors: Representatives Cody, Campbell, Kenney and Edwards; by request of Insurance Commissioner.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/20/02, 2/21/02 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Thibaudeau, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Costa, Deccio, Fraser and Winsley.

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Background: The Washington Health Care Facilities Authority assists in the construction of modern, well-equipped, and reasonably priced health care facilities. The authority is authorized to issue bonds for the construction, purchase, acquisition, rental, or lease of health care facilities by participants. The authority is composed of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Insurance Commissioner, the Secretary of Health, and a member of the public. Under current law, only the Governor is authorized to designate an employee to act on his or her behalf when the Governor is absent from a meeting of the authority.

Summary of Bill: The Insurance Commissioner is also authorized to designate an employee to act on his or her behalf when the Insurance Commissioner is absent from a meeting of the authority.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This is a housekeeping bill. It is not always possible for members of the Health Care Facilities Authority to attend each scheduled meeting. This bill will allow someone from the Insurance Commissioner's Office to be present at every meeting of the authority.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: John Woodall; Insurance Commissioner's Office (pro).