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**Health Care & Wellness  
Committee**

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**HB 1645**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the administrator of the health care authority to administer grants on behalf of the authority.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Pedersen, Curtis, Schual-Berke, Ormsby and Moeller; by request of Health Care Authority.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes the Health Care Authority to issue, distribute, and administer grants.

**Hearing Date:** 2/5/07

**Staff:** Chris Blake (786-7392).

**Background:**

The State Health Care Authority is the state agency which administers state employee insurance benefits and the Basic Health Plan, which is a state subsidized health insurance programs for low income people. Among the agency's authority is the ability to apply for, receive, and accept grants to implement initiatives and strategies.

**Summary of Bill:**

It is specified that the primary duties of the Health Care Authority (Authority) includes administering grants that further its mission and goals. The Authority may issue, distribute, and administer such grants.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

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