

**HB 2871-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/17/16)

Creates the task force on high patient out-of-pocket costs.

Requires the department of health to convene the task force and coordinate task force meetings.

Requires the task force to: (1) Evaluate factors contributing to the out-of-pocket costs for patients including prescription drug cost trends and plan benefit design; and

(2) Consider patient treatment adherence and the impacts on chronic illness and acute disease, with consideration of the long-term outcomes and costs for the patient.