Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Insurance

Assembly Bill 16

Relating to: requiring health insurance coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for persons under 18 years of age.

By Representatives Cullen, Bernard Schaber, Schneider, Sheridan, Berceau, Hilgenberg, Hraychuck, Vruwink, Mason, Black, Pasch, Sherman, Pocan, Jorgensen, Sinicki, Stone, Krusick, Smith, Seidel, Montgomery, Parisi, Turner, Grigsby, Richards, Zigmunt, A. Williams, Soletski, Hixson, Dexter and Molepske Jr.; cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Hansen, Lehman, Risser, Taylor, Erpenbach, Vinehout, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Coggs and Kapanke.

February 03, 2009 Referred to Committee on Insurance.

March 18, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present:	(8)	Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr.,
		Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau, Hebl, Nygren and
		Roth.
Absent:	(2)	Representatives Suder and Vos.

Appearances For

- Julie Lassa, Madison Senator, 24th Senate District
- David Cullen, Madison Representative, 13th Assembly District
- Marlin Schneider, Madison Representative, 72nd Assembly District
- Alicia Boehme, Madison Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Amy Boehler, Hubertus
- Franz Backus, Milwaukee
- Tiffany Wilke, Beaver Dam
- Beth Severson, Madison
- Judith Wagner
- Tina Staszewski, Milwaukee Neeskara Elementary School
- Todd Blobe, Neenah
- Matthew Fitton, Appleton
- Tom Foht, Germantown
- Michelle Kihntopf, Green Bay
- Michaela Kihntopf, Green Bay
- Laura Feldhake, Au.D., Stoughton Dr., WI Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Prof. Assn.

- Connie Breaker, Appleton
- Anne Bransel, Fort Atkinson
- Laurie Nelson, Mineral Point
- Peyton Nelson, Mineral Point
- Vicki Denzin, Neenah
- John Fletcher, Milwaukee
- Dana Gladd, Madison
- Heather Sorebo, Appleton
- Anna McCartney, Oregon
- Tracy Sipla, Friendship
- Mary Heun, Milwaukee
- Amber Heun, Milwaukee
- Alana Bergin, Green Bay
- Holly Bergin, Green Bay
- Michael Flood, Appleton
- Christine Kometer, Milwaukee Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Carol Petrina, Kewaunee
- Jenny Geiken, Green Bay
- Lisa Hanel, Milwaukee Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Sherry Kimball, Madison
- Andrea Happel, Onalaska
- Carol Burns, Mt. Horeb
- Monica Dull, Waunakee
- Julie Spangler, Janesville
- Heather Schreiber, Beaver Dam
- Kelly Hilliker, Two Rivers
- Anne Heintzelman, Madison

Appearances Against

• None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Sean Dilweg, Madison Commissioner, OCI
- Rachel Currans-Sheehan, Madison Legislative Liaison, Department of Health Services
- Joanne Alig, Madison Wisconsin Association of Health Plans

Registrations For

- Eli Breaker, Appleton
- Sarah Chipman, Madison
- Rianna Christen, Fitchburg
- James Denzin, Neenah

- Sabrina Gentile, Madison WI Council on Children and Families
- Terence Griffin, Eau Claire
- Mary Jane Griffin, Eau Claire
- Amy Hartman, Cross Plains
- Lauren Hefty, Madison
- Doug Johnson, Evansville WI Alliance of Hearing Professionals
- Angela McCarver, Middleton
- Kim Schairer, Madison
- Brad Schwanda, Oak Creek
- Cindy See, Pittsville
- Kim Smuda, Oregon
- Alyssa Spangler, Madison
- Janice Vele, St. Francis
- Nate Wilke, Beaver Dam
- Valerie Wulf, Waunakee
- Ramie Zelenkova, Madison WI Speech Language Pathology & Audiology Assoc.

Registrations Against

- Bill Smith, Madison National Federation of Independent Businesses Wisconsin
- R. J. Pirlot, Madison Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce

Registrations for Information Only

• None.

March 26, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

 Present: (10) Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr., Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau, Hebl, Nygren, Suder, Vos, Roth.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Hebl, seconded by Representative Molepske Jr. that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:	(6)	Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr.,
		Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau and Hebl.
Noes:	(4)	Representatives Nygren, Suder, Vos and
		Roth.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Parisi, seconded by Representative Molepske Jr. that **Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

- Ayes: (9) Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr., Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau, Hebl, Nygren, Vos and Roth.
- Noes: (1) Representative Suder.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 1

Moved by Representative Nygren, seconded by Representative Vos that **Assembly Amendment 3 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:	(3)	Representatives Nygren, Vos and Roth.	
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Noes: (7) Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr., Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau, Hebl and Suder.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 7

Moved by Representative Hebl, seconded by Representative Parisi that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:	(6)	Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr.,
		Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau and Hebl.
Noes:	(4)	Representatives Nygren, Suder, Vos and
		Roth.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Moved by Representative Hebl, seconded by Representative Berceau that **Assembly Bill 16** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes:	(6)	Representatives Cullen, Molepske Jr.,
		Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Berceau and Hebl.

Noes: (4) Representatives Nygren, Suder, Vos and Roth.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Ritch Williams Committee Clerk