# **Assembly**

# **Record of Committee Proceedings**

## Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform

### **Assembly Bill 539**

Relating to: disclosure of information by health care providers, insurers, and governmental self-insured plans; requiring acceptance by a health care provider of a payment amount in certain circumstances; and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

By Representatives Vukmir, Kramer, Tauchen, Kerkman, Townsend, Davis, Strachota, Knodl, Murtha, Ripp, Gunderson, Vos, Bies, LeMahieu, Petrowski, Honadel, Nass, Nygren, Van Roy, M. Williams, Suder, J. Ott, Pridemore, Kleefisch, Rhoades, Zipperer, Brooks, Petersen, Lothian, Spanbauer, Huebsch, Newcomer, Montgomery, Nerison, A. Ott, Stone and Kestell; cosponsored by Senators Kanavas, Darling, Hopper, A. Lasee, Schultz and Grothman.

October 29, 2009 Referred to Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform.

#### December 17, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (13) Representatives Richards, Roys, Benedict, Shilling, Vruwink, Seidel, Pasch, Bernard Schaber, Vukmir, Rhoades, Stone, Strachota and Nygren.

Absent: (0) None.

#### Appearances For

- Leah Vukmir Representative, 14th Assembly District
- Dan Schwartzer, Wisconsin Dells WAPPO
- J.P. Wieski, Green Bay Council for Affordable Health Insurance

#### Appearances Against

• None.

### **Appearances for Information Only**

- Paul Merline, Madison Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Joe Kachelski, Madison Wisconsin Hospital Association

### Registrations For

- Bill Smith, Madison National Federation of Independent Businesses NFIB
- R.J. Pirlot, Madison WMC
- Steve Baas, Milwaukee MMAC

• Dan Schwartzer — Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters

## Registrations Against

• Eric Tempelis — Gundersen Lutheran Health Systems

## Registrations for Information Only

• Melissa Duffy, Jefferson — The Alliance

April 22, 2010 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Jeff Kostelic Committee Clerk