

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue**

##### **Senate Bill 27**

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

By Senators Lassa, Hansen, Lehman, Risser, Taylor, Erpenbach, Vinehout, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Coggs and Kapanke; cosponsored 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..

February 03, 2009      Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

March 18, 2009      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (0)    None.

Absent:    (0)    None.

##### Appearances For

- Julie Lassa — Senator
- David Cullen — Rep.
- Marlin Schnieder — Rep.
- Alicia Boehme, Madison — Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Mark Boehler, Hubertus
- Amy Boehler, Hubertus
- Franz Backus, Milwaukee
- Tiffany Wilke, Beaver Dam
- Beth Severson, Madison
- Judith Wagner
- Tina Staszewski, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Public Schools
- Todd Blobe, Neenah
- Matthew Fitton, Appleton
- Tom Foht, Germantown
- Michelle Kihntopf, Green Bay
- Michaela Kihntopf, Green Bay
- Laura Feldhake, Stoughton — WSHA-P
- Connie Breaker, Appleton
- Ann Bransel, Ft. 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
- 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 Schrieber, Beaver Dam
- Kelly Hilliker, Two Rivers
- Anne Heintzeman, Madison

#### Appearances Against

- None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

- Joanne Alig — Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
- Sean Dilweg — Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
- Rachel Currans-Sheehan, Madison — Department of Health Services
- Joanne Alig — Wisconsin Association of Health Plans

#### Registrations For

- Brad Schwanda, Oak Creek
- Sabrina Gentile — Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
- Valerie Wulf, Waunakee
- Eli Breaker, Appleton
- James Denzin, Neenah
- Nate Wilke, Beaver Dam

- Elizabeth Burmaster — Department of Public Instruction
- Janice Vele, St. Francis
- Ramie Zelenkova, Madison — WI Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Association
- Cindy See, Pittsville
- Amy Hartman, Cross Plains
- Kim Smuda, Oregon
- Kim Schairer, Madison
- Sarah Chipman, Madison
- Lauren Hefty, Madison
- Alyssa Spangler, Madison
- Rianna Christen, Fitchburg
- Doug Johnson, Evansville — WI Alliance of Hearing Professionals
- Angela McCarver, Middleton
- Terence Griffin, Eau Claire
- MaryJane Griffin, Eau Claire
- Alana Bergin, Green Bay
- Holly Bergin, Green Bay

Registrations Against

- RJ Pirlot — WI Manufacturers and Commerce
- Bill Smith — NFIB-WI

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 14, 2009

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Lassa, seconded by Senator Robson that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson, Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,  
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Lassa, seconded by Senator Robson that **Senate Amendment 2** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson,  
Lassa, Lazich, Kanavas and Darling.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 2 RECOMMENDED,  
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Lassa, seconded by Senator Robson that **Senate  
Bill 27** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Senators Erpenbach, Carpenter, Robson,  
Lassa, Kanavas and Darling.

Noes: (1) Senator Lazich.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

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Kelly Johnson-Becker  
Committee Clerk