Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Senate Bill 517

Relating to: group health care plans offered by health benefit purchasing cooperatives.

By Senators Harsdorf, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Erpenbach, Hansen, Leibham, Miller, Risser and Roessler; cosponsored by Representatives Gielow, Davis, Ott, Nelson, Ainsworth, Albers, Freese, Friske, Gronemus, Gunderson, Hahn, Hines, Hubler, Hundertmark, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Krawczyk, Kreibich, Loeffelholz, Montgomery, Musser, Nischke, Pettis, Staskunas, Suder, Van Roy, Vos, Vruwink, Gard, Towns and Moulton.

January 23, 2006 Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Insurance.

February 16, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Absent: (2) Senators Brown and Olsen.

Appearances For

- Curt Gielow, Madison Rep., Author
- Gary Clevers, Green Bay Self
- John Dawson, Milwaukee Coop Care of SE WI
- Charles Stevens, Milwaukee Coop Care of SE WI
- Randall Marking, Milwaukee Coop Care of SE WI
- Bill Oemichen, Madison WI Federation of Cooperatives
- Melissa Duffy WI Federation of Cooperatives
- Kristine Hage, Mequon Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce
- Chris Bonniwell, Cedarburg CF Struck Corp
- Wayne Corey, Madison WI Independent Business Assoc
- Jeffrey Ottum, Green Bay Greater Green Bay Foundation

Appearances Against

• Allan Patek, Green Bay — Humana

Appearances for Information Only

• None.

Registrations For

- Gail Sumi AARP
- Michael Metz WI Independent Business Assoc

• Greg Jones, Cedarburg — Coop Care of SE WI

Registrations Against

• None.

February 16, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen,

Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Erpenbach, seconded by Senator Kedzie that **Senate Bill 517** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators Kapanke, Kedzie, Brown, Olsen,

Erpenbach, Hansen and Miller.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

John Perlich Committee Clerk