

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Transportation and Tourism

Senate Bill 88

Relating to: requiring health insurance coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for infants and young children.

By Senators Lassa and Risser; cosponsored by Representatives Schneider, Sheridan, Boyle, Pope-Roberts, Berceau, Sinicki, Hraychuck, Turner and Smith.

November 06, 2007 Referred to Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

November 7, 2007 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Breske, Plale, Erpenbach, Hansen,
Kapanke, Schultz and Leibham.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Julie Lassa, Stevens Point — Senator, 24th Senate District, Author
- Mike Schoenfield, Wisconsin Rapids — Rep. Marlin Schneider, 72nd Assembly District, Co-Author
- Franz Backus, Madison — Self
- Billy Mauldin, Madison — WI Council for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Tiffany Wilke, Beaver Dam — Self and son
- Judy Wagner, Mequon — Self, daughter-in-law and grandson
- Matt Brensel, Fort Atkinson — Self and daughter
- Ann Brensel, Fort Atkinson — Self and daughter
- Laurie Nelson, Mineral Point — Self and daughter
- Peyton Nelson, Mineral Point — Self
- Connie Stevens, Spring Green — Self and other families
- Janice Gavinski, Madison — Madison Metropolitan School District
- David Scher, Madison — Self
- Kheumanni Harris, Fitchburg — Self, student in Verona
- Eloise Schwarz, Wauwatosa — Hearing Loss Assoc. of America
- Carol Burns, Mount Horeb — Hearing Loss Assoc. of America
- Jean Szabo, Milwaukee — HLAA WI - Milwaukee/Racine
- Elizabeth Seeliger, Oregon — Self, Audiologist
- Alicia Boehme, Madison — Self and Disability Rights of WI

- Carolyn Bossert, Mineral Point — Self
- Chris Noffke, Madison — Self

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jennifer Kammerud, Madison — WI Dept of Public Instruction
- Cindy Noffke, Madison — Self
- Larry Nelson, Mineral Point — Self
- Sue Whooley, DeForest — Self

Registrations Against

- Bill Smith, Madison — Nat'l Federation of Independent Businesses
- Steve Baas, Milwaukee — Metropolitan Milwaukee Assoc. of Commerce
- R.J. Pirlot, Madison — WI Manufacturers and Commerce
- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — WI PPO Assoc.
- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — WI Assoc. of Health Underwriters

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

November 12, 2007 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Breske, Plale, Erpenbach, Hansen, Kapanke, Schultz and Leibham.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Erpenbach, seconded by Senator Hansen that **Senate Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Senators Breske, Plale, Erpenbach, Hansen, Kapanke, Schultz and Leibham.

Noes: (0) None.

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

Moved by Senator Erpenbach, seconded by Senator Plale that **Senate Bill 88** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Senators Breske, Plale, Erpenbach, Hansen,
Kapanke and Schultz.

Noes: (1) Senator Leibham.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

Elizabeth Piliouras
Committee Clerk