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SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2266A: NECESSARY CHANGES TO PEBB AND OEGB

Support HB 2266A to preserve critical health care benefits for hard-working public servants and their families, improve attraction and retention of valued employees, and increase the accountability of PEBB and OEGB to reduce costs and produce better outcomes.

House Bill 2266A will:

- Restore coordinated coverage and opt-out incentives for OEGB and PEBB members whose spouses also work in public service (previously prohibited by Senate Bill 1067 (2017)), protecting these workers from significant increases in out-of-pocket costs and potential premium increases;
- Preserve key cost containment measure enacted in 2017, including a 3.4% cap on annual cost growth for PEBB and OEGB, and a cap on hospital payments at 200% of Medicare;
- Direct the PEBB and OEGB boards to enact a reasonable surcharge on any public worker who elects coordinated coverage for their families;
- Make some necessary changes to the dependent auditing process at PEBB and OEGB to ensure accountability and cut down on wasteful spending on non-eligible dependents; and
- Require OEGB and PEBB to report back before the next legislative session about the concrete steps they are taking to cut costs and incentivize better healthcare for lower costs.

House Bill 2266A is supported by a broad coalition of organizations, including:

