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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: MaryMichelle Sosne, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 12, 2025
Subject: SB 598 – Relating to step therapy for nonopioids
Work Session Recommendations

The measure requires health care providers that offer prescription drug coverage to ensure their drug formularies include at least one clinically appropriate non-opioid prescription drug for every opioid prescription drug covered. Additionally, coverage requirements for non-opioid prescription drugs must not be more restrictive than those for opioid drugs.

The -A3 amendment adds Other Funds expenditure limitation. Based on input provided by PEBB's and OEBB's actuaries, there is no fiscal impact for Providence health plans, a negligible impact for Moda health plans, and a .15% increase in premium costs for Kaiser Permanente plans. The increase for Kaiser Permanent Plans would result in an additional \$541,508 Other Funds for PEBB and \$258,652 Other Funds for OEBB.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A3 amendment to SB 598. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 598, as amended by the –A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 598, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: