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Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 17-1237

Sponsors

**Representative Hamner
Senators Crowder and Coram**

Short Title

**State Employee Group Benefit
Plans For Local Governments**

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Status

The bill is currently pending before the House on third reading. This research note reflects the bill as referred by the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee on April 13, 2017.

Background

The state of Colorado currently offers four health benefit plans in which state employees may enroll, including two preferred provider organization (PPO) plans and two health maintenance organization (HMO) plans; one of each type of plans includes a high-deductible option. State health benefit plans are self-funded by the state, and administered by Kaiser Permanente and United Healthcare. State employees and state agencies split the cost of health plan premiums with the state agency share set annually through the annual budget process.

House Action

House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (April 13, 2017). At the hearing, the Lieutenant Governor, representatives from Department of Personnel and Administration, the Bell Policy Center, Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Counties Incorporated, and Summit County testified in support of the bill. Representatives from Vail Valley Medical Center, Valley View Hospital, Colorado Network, Colorado Association of Health Plans, and Western Healthcare Alliance testified in opposition to the bill.

The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

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House second reading (April 20, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.