Bill No.: HB-7270
Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE.
Vote Date: 3/14/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/7/2019
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Insurance and Real Estate Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To establish a task force to study health insurance.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Susan Yolen Southern Planned Parenthood (PPSNE) states they have heard from their patients and supporters that, with impending threats from the federal government to health exchanges, to the Affordable Care Act, and specifically to insurance coverage for abortion, the State of Connecticut should act to do all it can to protect private insurance coverage for a full range of reproductive health care including abortion.

Liz Gustafson, MSW, Organizer & Volunteer Coordinator NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut: The most recent proposed changes with Federal guidelines will impose restrictions on providers (i.e. domestic gag rule) by deterring them from discussing all of a patient’s options, and eliminating the requirement to provide evidence-based, unbiased medical information. Furthermore, organizations receiving Title X funding will not be allowed to perform abortion services, and will need to operate a completely separate facility (separate location, staff, funding, name, etc.) if they want to continue offering this service to the community. These proposed changes will impact those accessing clinics such as Planned Parenthood who utilize all of their services for their regular gynecological care; particularly those with lower incomes who are able to use Planned Parenthood’s sliding-scale to afford their care.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
None expressed.

Reported by: Terri Reid Date: 3.18.19