

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
State Employee Group Insurance & Benefits Committee
Thursday, March 22, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Room EW20
Boise, Idaho

Co-chair Fred Wood called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Senator Todd Lakey and Co-chair Representative Fred Wood; Senators Dan Johnson, Jim Patrick, and Mark Nye; and Representatives Neil Anderson, Jason Monks, and John Gannon. Absent and excused: Senator Robert Nonini and Representative Robert Anderst. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff present were: Kristin Ford, Robyn Lockett and Ana Lara.

Other attendees: none signed in.

Intent Language in Section 6 of HB 715 - Robyn Lockett, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO

Co-chair Wood called upon Ms. Lockett to present the intent language for the Dept. of Administration's (DOA) budget found in House Bill 715. Ms. Lockett referenced Section 6 of HB 715 and explained that it authorized the DOA to begin its work with respect to issuing a request for proposals (RFP). It also stated that the RFP shall be issued in conformance with the recommendations in the Final Report of the 2017 State Employee Group Insurance and Benefits Legislative Interim Committee.

Committee Discussion

Co-chair Wood explained that there was a motion to allow the co-chairs and Mercer to work collaboratively with DOA in creating the RFP in a timely manner. He stated that the committee would meet, in executive session, in late May and June to review the RFP and provide any comments with respect to the RFP in its draft form. Co-chair Lakey explained that the new contract with Mercer would include the language that had been negotiated in the prior contract the year before and would also include a new scope of work. The co-chairs emphasized that the committee had completed its previous work by formulating its recommendations, and it was now a matter of working with DOA to develop the RFP to implement the recommendations.

Co-chair Lakey made a motion to authorize Co-chair Wood and Co-chair Lakey to negotiate and sign a contract on behalf of the State Employee Group Insurance Legislative Interim Committee, with assistance of legal counsel, for consultant services from Mercer for the 2018 interim, with the understanding that the contract would be presented to the committee prior to it being finalized. Senator Nye seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Co-chair Lakey made a motion to authorize Co-chair Wood and Co-chair Lakey to meet with Mercer, representatives from the Dept. of Administration and the Office of Group Insurance, consultant Propel, actuary Milliman and other necessary parties to facilitate the development of a Request for Proposals for healthcare providers and plan options, in accordance with the recommendations in the Final Report of the 2017 State Employee Group Insurance Interim Committee, and to provide progress reports to the full committee as desirable and necessary. Representative Monks seconded the motion.

Senator Johnson asked for a brief overview of the committee's recommendations. Ms. Lockett summarized the committee's [handout](#) regarding HB 715 as well as the committee's recommendations found in the [2017 Final Report](#).

The motion passed by voice vote.

The co-chairs introduced the newest committee members (Representatives Jason Monks and John Gannon) and welcomed back the returning committee members.

The committee adjourned at 3:16 p.m.