Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2274 **Patron:** Ennis
Bill Title: Health benefit programs; discrimination; cause of action.

Bill Summary: Adds licensed outpatient facilities to the types of preferred providers that an insurer is required to establish terms and conditions for and is prohibited from discriminating against with regard to the insurer's health benefit program. The bill removes provisions stating that certain price differences are not considered discrimination. The bill provides for a cause of action for any health care provider that suffers loss as a result of an insurer's violation of provisions related to the health benefit program or an insurer's breach of any provider contract provision. Under the bill, if the court finds that the violation or breach resulted from an insurer's gross negligence or willful conduct, the court may increase damages to an amount not exceeding three times the actual damages sustained, and in addition to any damages awarded, the health care provider may be awarded equitable and injunctive relief and reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** None.
Explanation: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill because it does not create, modify, or remove any statutory responsibilities of the State Corporation Commission (SCC).

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this bill add licensed outpatient facilities to the types of preferred providers that an insurer is required to establish terms and conditions for and is prohibited from discriminating against with regard to the insurer's health benefit program. The bill also creates a cause of action for any health care provider that suffers loss as a result of an insurer's violation of bill's provisions. As the bill's provisions do not create, modify, or remove any statutory responsibilities of the SCC, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact.

The proposed legislation is not expected to impact the state health plan or the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

Other: None.