

The proposed legislation would require a new state-mandated health benefit in that it entitles an insured to receive care from licensed certified midwives and licensed midwives. No bill identical or substantially similar bill to HB1923 has been referred to the Health Insurance Reform Commission (HIRC) for assessment. Part of this assessment is conducted by SCC BOI; it includes a determination of whether the proposed state-mandated health benefit is in addition to the essential health benefits (EHBs) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). HIRC may then direct SCC BOI to determine what the cost of defrayal payments to health carriers would be if the proposed state-mandated health benefit were enacted. 45 C.F.R. § 155.170 requires the state to defray the cost of state-mandated health benefits that are in addition to EHB. Defrayal payments are made from the general fund and SCC BOI acts as a pass-through entity to make defrayal payments to health carriers; SCC BOI also incurs some administrative costs as part of the defrayal payment process, which is paid for with nongeneral fund appropriations. As no bill identical or substantially similar to

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HB1923 has undergone an assessment before HIRC, SCC BOI is unable to determine at this time whether HB1923's state-mandated health benefit is in addition to EHB and if so, what the defrayal payment cost would be.

As such, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

Other: None.