



## PEHP Response

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### SB0135 - Insurance Contracts Amendments

Any Fiscal Impact - yes

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SB 135 restricts the ability of an insurer to include certain provisions into plan documents that afford the insurer discretion to interpret plan provisions and determine benefits. The bills fiscal impact on the state risk pool will depend on the judicially interpreted scope of the bills key provisions, which are fairly broad. It is impossible for PEHP not to use discretion and judgment in establishing, determining, and administering benefits and coverage. So lines will have to be drawn in interpreting the law to permit the standard operations of an insurer. It is possible the law could be interpreted so as to result in significant cost increases to insurers. We would anticipate alerting the legislature should this occur. At present, however, we cannot be certain that the bill will have any negative impact on state costs.

PEHP - no

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State Revenue - no

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Local Government - no

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Business / Individual - no

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