

HB 358, Mental Health Treatment Amendments,

(Rep. King)

Anticipated Fiscal Impact: none

Summary:

HB 358 would require government employers that opt-out of federal mental health parity requirements as allowed by federal law, to substantially comply with the federal mental health parity law as a matter of state law. The bill also clarifies that for residential treatment, the comparison for medical and surgical equivalence is skilled nursing facilities.

The state employee health plan currently offers mental health and substance abuse benefits consistent with HB 358. While this bill may require some minor internal process changes for PEHP, we do not expect any fiscal impact to the state employee health plan.