

HCS HB 108 -- COPAYMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

SPONSOR: Cooper, 155 (Schaaf)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute specifies that if the usual and customary retail price of a prescription drug is less than the copayment applied by a health maintenance organization or health insurer, then the enrollee is only required to pay the usual and customary retail price of the prescription drug.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$8,000 in FY 2006, \$0 in FY 2007, and \$0 in FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will save consumers money when the retail price of a prescription drug is less than their copayment.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Schaaf.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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