

HCS HB 986 -- DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES

SPONSOR: Schaaf

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Healthcare Transformation by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute prohibits a health carrier or health benefit plan from denying reimbursement for diagnostic imaging services based solely on a licensed physician's specialty or professional board certification.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will not allow health carriers or health benefit plans to discriminate based on the provider's professional designation. The bill shouldn't raise healthcare costs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schaaf; Tom Reinsle; and Missouri State Orthopedic Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the language of the bill needs to be more clear.

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