HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #:PCB SPPACA 13-01Health Benefits for OPS EmployeesSPONSOR(S):Select Committee on PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)TIED BILLS:IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Select Committee on PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)		Shaw	Calamas

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) imposes penalties on large employers who do not provide a defined level of health insurance coverage to all of its "full-time" employees. Under PPACA, a "full-time" employee is an employee who works on average at least 30 hours a week. Additionally, a large employer is subject to penalties if the employee's share of premium is more than 9.5% of the employee's income.

The state of Florida is a large employer under PPACA. Currently, all categories of state and university employees except other-personal-services (OPS) employees may participate in the State Group Insurance Program (Program). Since there are numerous OPS employees who work at least 30 hours a week, the state must offer health insurance benefits to these OPS employees or pay a fine which could potentially exceed \$321.8 million annually.

The bill allows participation in the Program by OPS employees of the state and of the university system who are considered full-time employees under the provisions of PPACA.

The bill grants authority to the Program to develop a separate benefit plan for OPS employees who are considered full-time under PPACA. The Program is directed to contract for a health benefit plan for full-time OPS employees which meets the minimum essential coverage and affordability requirements of PPACA. Premiums for the 2014 plan year for full-time OPS employees are set at \$96.00 per month for individual coverage and \$136.74 for family coverage, which is an amount considered affordable under PPACA for the lowest paid state or university system full-time OPS employee.

Funding for OPS health benefits are subject to an appropriation in the General Appropriations Act. The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference estimated that the premium cost to the state for providing the same health benefits to full-time OPS employees as are currently provided to other classes of employees would be \$54.9 million for FY 2014-15. Providing the minimal essential coverage required by the bill could result in savings of premium cost to the state of \$20.6 million.

The bill is effective July 1, 2013.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA")¹, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010². The law contains comprehensive changes to the entire health care system in the United States. Most of the PPACA provisions take effect in 2014; however, many changes are phased in, starting from the day the bill was signed on March 23, 2010 and continuing through 2019.

Specifically, PPACA:

- Requires most U.S. citizens and legal residents to obtain health insurance coverage or pay a penalty;
- Substantially expands Medicaid;
- Establishes new requirements on employers and health plans;
- Restructures the private health insurance market;
- Creates health insurance exchanges for individuals and employers to obtain coverage;
- Sets minimum standards for health coverage offered in the health insurance exchange; and
- Provides premium tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for eligible individuals that obtain coverage through the health insurance exchange.

Individual Mandate

Effective in 2014, PPACA provides that health insurance coverage will be mandatory for almost all U.S. citizens.³ Individuals who are required to file a tax return, but do not have "minimal essential coverage" will pay a tax⁴ to the U.S. government with enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service.⁵ "Minimal essential coverage" includes: Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, and other government programs; employer-sponsored plans; and individual market plans.⁶

The annual tax for failure to have minimal essential coverage will be the greater of:

- a flat dollar amount per individual; or
- a percentage of the individual's taxable income.⁷

The tax increases over time: \$95 or 1% in 2014; \$325 or 2% in 2015 and \$695 or 2.5% in 2016. After 2016, the tax increase is indexed to inflation and rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.⁸ The tax for a child is one half of the adult tax.

Exemptions for mandatory health insurance coverage will be granted for American Indians, in cases of extreme financial hardship, for those objecting to the mandatory provision for religious reasons, individuals without health insurance for less than three months, and individuals in prison.⁹

Exchanges

¹ P.L. 111-148, 124 Stat. 119 (2010)

² P.L. 111-152, 124 Stat. 1029 (2010)

³ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A

⁴ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A(b)(1) refers to the payment as a "penalty"; however, the Supreme Court of the United States has found the payment to be a tax. *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, 132 S. Ct. 2566 (2012).

⁵ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A(b)(1)

⁶₇ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A(f)(1)

⁷ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A(c)

⁸ Id.

⁹ 26 U.S.C. s. 5000A(e) **STORAGE NAME**: pcb01.SPPACA **DATE**: 3/27/2013

PPACA requires that a health insurance exchange be established in each state. Individuals and small businesses will be able to purchase health insurance coverage that meets the minimum essential coverage provisions of PPACA. The exchanges must begin open enrollment on October 1, 2013, for coverage effective January 1, 2014. The exchange is not an insurer; instead, it will provide eligible individuals and businesses with access to qualified health plans.

Each plan sold on the exchange must include "essential health benefits" as defined by PPACA. The essential health benefits are:

- Ambulatory patient services
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- Laboratory services
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

Each plan must be one of following "metal levels":

- Bronze: 60% actuarial value¹⁰
- Silver: 70% actuarial value
- Gold: 80% actuarial value
- Platinum: 90% actuarial value

In addition to enrolling individuals in qualified health plans, the exchange will also determine eligibility for Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). The exchange will also determine if an individual is eligible for advance premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.

Individuals with household income between 100% and 400% of poverty are eligible to receive an advance premium tax credit if "affordable coverage"¹¹ is not available through an employer. The following is the current percentages of federal poverty level:

	Individual	Family of Two	Family of Four
100%	\$11,490	\$15,510	\$23,550
200%	\$22,980	\$31,020	\$47,100
300%	\$34,470	\$46,530	\$70,650
400%	\$45,960	\$62,040	\$94,200

The amount of the tax credit that an individual can receive is based on the premium for the second lowest cost silver plan in the exchange and area where the person is eligible to purchase coverage. The amount of the tax credit varies with income so the premium that a person would have to pay for the second lowest cost silver plan would not exceed a specified percentage of their income as follows:

Income Level	Premium as a Percent of Income
Up to 133% FPL	2% of income

¹⁰ Actuarial value is calculated by computing the ratio of total expected payments by the plan for essential health benefits and costsharing rules with the total costs of the essential health benefits the standard population is expected to incur. For example, a health plan with an actuarial value of 80 percent would be expected to pay an average of 80 percent of a standard population's expected medical expenses for the EHB. Individuals covered by the plan would then be expected to pay the remaining 20 percent, on average, through cost sharing such as deductibles, co-pays, and co-insurance.

133-150% FPL	3 – 4% of income
150-200% FPL	4 – 6.3% of income
200-250% FPL	6.3 – 8.05% of income
250-300% FPL	8.05 – 9.5% of income
300-400% FPL	9.5% of income

Cost-sharing subsidies prevent lower income individuals from having high out-of-pocket costs at the point of service. PPACA provides for reduced cost sharing for families with incomes at or below 250% of poverty by making them eligible to enroll in health plans with higher actuarial values.

Employer Responsibility

Effective in 2014, PPACA requires that "large employers", defined as an employer with at least 50 fulltime employees¹², must provide "minimum essential coverage" that is "affordable" to its employees or be subject to penalties.¹³ To be considered "minimum essential coverage", the plan's share of the total allowed costs of benefits provided under the plan must be at least 60 percent of those costs.¹⁴¹⁵ To be considered "affordable", the employee portion of the self-only premium for the employer's lowest cost coverage may not exceed 9.5 percent of the employee's household income.¹⁶ Additionally, under PPACA, a "full-time employee" means an employee who is employed an average of at least 30 hours per week.¹⁷

PPACA imposes two types of penalties on employers: a coverage penalty and an affordability penalty¹⁸. If the employer does not offer coverage to all of its full-time employees, and one or more fulltime employees receive a premium credit or cost-sharing subsidy through the exchange, the penalty is \$2,000¹⁹ per year per full-time worker. When calculating the penalty the first 30 full-time workers are subtracted from the payment calculation. For example, if an employer has 300 employees and 20 employees receive a premium credit, the penalty would be (300-30) x \$2,000 or \$540,000.

PPACA also imposes a penalty if an employer offers minimum essential coverage, but the coverage is not considered "affordable" and one or more full-time employee receives a premium credit or costsharing subsidy through the exchange.²⁰ The penalty is \$3,000 per employee who receives a premium credit or cost-sharing subsidy. The maximum amount of the penalty cannot exceed \$2,000 per full-time employee, excluding the first 30 full-time employees. For example, if an employer has 300 employees and 30 receive a premium credit, the penalty would be (30 x \$3,000) or \$90,000.

For both types of penalties, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is proposing to create "safe harbors" for employers to use to ensure they do not incur a penalty.²¹ Since most employers do not know an employee's household income, the IRS is proposing the safe harbor methods of determining whether an employee's premium share exceeds 9.5% of household income. One of methods is that a premium will be considered affordable if the employee's share does not exceed 9.5% of the employee's income that is required to be reported in Box 1 of Form W-2. The Form W-2 is prepared by the employer and reflects the employee's salary; therefore, the Box 1 amount will be known by the employer.

²¹ Department of Treasury, 78 Fed. Reg. 217 (proposed on January 2, 2013) Shared Responsibility for Employers Regarding Health Coverage (to be codified at 26 CR Parts 1, 54 and 301). STORAGE NAME: pcb01.SPPACA

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¹² 26 U.S.C. s. 4980H(c)(2)

¹³ 26 U.S.C. s 4980H

¹⁴ 26 U.S.C. s. 36B and Department of Treasury, 78 Fed. Reg. 217 (proposed on January 2, 2013) Shared Responsibility for Employers Regarding Health Coverage (to be codified at 26 CR Parts 1, 54 and 301).

¹⁵ In layman's terms, the plan roughly must pay at least 60% of the medical costs of the standard population enrolled in the plan (i.e., have a 60% actuarial value). Since plans have limits on cost sharing, an insured with a major medical event likely would not have to pay 40% of the costs.

²⁶ U.S.C. s. 36B

¹⁷ 26 U.S.C. 4980H(c)(4)(A)

¹⁸ 26 U.S.C. 4980H

¹⁹ The average annual premiums in 2012 are \$5,615 for single coverage and \$15,745 for family coverage. The Kaiser Family Foundation, 2012 Employer Health Benefits Survey, available at: http://ehbs.kff.org/?page=abstract&id=1 (last viewed 2/10/13). 26 U.S.C. 4980H

The IRS is also proposing a safe harbor for coverage. The proposed rule provides that a large employer will be treated as offering coverage to all of its employees if the employer offers coverage to all but 5% or 5 of its employees, whichever is greater.

The State of Florida is a large employer under PPACA and is subject to the provisions of PPACA, including the employer responsibility provisions.

State Group Insurance Program

<u>Overview</u>

The State Group Insurance Program (program) is created by s. 110.123, F.S., and is administered by the Division of State Group Insurance (DSGI) within the Department of Management Services (DMS).

The program is an optional benefit for state employees including all state agencies, state universities, the court system, and the Legislature. The program includes health, life, dental, vision, disability, and other supplemental insurance benefits.

The health insurance benefit for active employees has premium rates for single, spouse, or family coverage regardless of plan selection. The state contributes approximately 90% toward the total annual premium for active employees for a total of \$1.41 billion out of the total premium of \$1.57 billion for FY 2012-13²².

The program provides several options for employees to choose as their health plans. The preferred provider organization (PPO) plan is the statewide, self-insured health plan administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. The administrator is responsible for processing health claims, providing access to a Preferred Provider Care Network, and managing customer service, utilization review, and case management functions. The standard health maintenance organization (HMO) plan is an insurance arrangement in which the state has contracted with multiple statewide and regional HMOs.

High Deductible Health Plans (HDHP) with Health Savings Accounts (HAS)

Additionally, the program offers two high-deductible health plans (HDHP) with health savings accounts²³. To qualify as a high-deductible plan, the annual deductible must be at least \$1,200 for single plans and \$2,400 for family coverage. The Health Investor PPO Plan is the statewide, high deductible health plan with an integrated health saving account. It is also administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. The Health Investor HMO Plan is a high deductible health plan with an integrated has contracted with multiple state and regional HMOs as providers. The state makes a \$500 per year contribution to the health savings account for single coverage and a \$1,000 per year contribution for family coverage. The employee may make additional annual contributions²⁴ up to a limit of \$6,450 for single coverage and \$12,500 for family coverage. Both the employer and employee contributions are not subject to federal income tax on the employee's income. Unused funds roll over automatically every year. A health savings account is owned by the employee and is portable.

Cafeteria Plans

A cafeteria plan is a plan that offers flexible benefits under the Internal Revenue Code Section 125. Employees choose from a "menu" of benefits. The plan can provide a number of selections, including medical, accident, disability, vision, dental and group term life insurance. It can reimburse actual medical expenses or pay children's day care expenses.

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²² Fiscal information provided by DSGI.

²³ Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. sec. 223

²⁴ The IRS annually sets the contribution limit as adjusted by inflation.

A cafeteria plan reduces both the employer's and employee's tax burden. Contributions by the employer are not subject to the employer social security contribution. Contributions made by the employee are not subject to federal income or social security taxes.

The employer chooses the range of benefits it wishes to offer in a cafeteria plan. The plan can be a simple premium only plan where only health insurance is offered. Full flex plans, which offer a wide variety of benefits and choices, are more often offered by large employers and allow for more consumer directed consumption of benefits. In some full flex plans, the employee is offered the choice between receiving additional compensation in lieu of benefits.

The state program qualifies as a cafeteria plan.²⁵

Employer and Employee Contributions

The state program is considered employer-sponsored since the state contracts with providers and contributes a substantial amount on behalf of the employee toward the cost of the insurance premium. The state's employer contribution is part of a state employee's overall compensation. The state program is a defined-benefit program. The employee pays a set monthly premium for either a single or family plan. The state pays the remainder of the cost of the premium. In a defined-contribution program, the employer pays a set amount toward the monthly premium and the employee pays the remainder.

		Standard Plan PPO/HMO			Health Inves	stor Health	Plan PPO/HMO
Category	Coverage	Employer	Enrollee	Total	Employer*	Enrollee	Total
Career Service	Single	499.80	50.00	549.80	499.80	15.00	514.80
	Family	1,063.34	180.00	1,243.34	1,063.34	64.30	1,127.64
	Spouse	1,243.32	30.00	1,273.32	1,097.64	30.00	1,127.64
Select Exempt and Senior Mgt. Service	Single	541.46	8.34	549.80	506.46	8.34	514.80
	Family	1,213.34	30.00	1,243.34	1,097.64	30.00	1,127.64

The following chart shows the monthly contributions²⁶ for the state and the employee to employee health insurance premiums.

*Includes employer tax-free HSA contribution - \$500 per year for single coverage and \$1,000 per year for family coverage.

Each year the Legislature specifies in the General Appropriations Act the state program benefit design and the employer and employee premium contributions.

State of Florida Employees

The State of Florida has four classifications of employees. The following three classes participate in the State Group Insurance Program as part of their compensation:

Career Service: Florida has a civil service system for public employees not deemed to be executive or managerial. The State Constitution mandates such a system be created by the

State Employees' Group Health Self-Insurance Trust Fund, Report on the Financial Outlook, January 4, 2012. STORAGE NAME: pcb01.SPPACA

²⁵ Sec. 125 I.R.C. requires that a cafeteria plan allow its members to choose between two or more benefits "consisting of cash and qualified benefits." The proposed regulations define "cash" to include a "salary reduction arrangement" whereby salary is deducted pre-tax to pay the employee's share of the insurance premium. Since the state program allows a "salary reduction arrangement", the program qualifies as a cafeteria plan. 26 C.F.R. ss. 1.125-1, et seq. ²⁶ State Employees' Oregen U. although C. State

Legislature²⁷ and authorizes a system for the collective bargaining of wages, hours, and terms or conditions of employment by public employees with their public employer.²⁸ Part II of chapter 110, F.S., establishes the Career Service System.

- Senior Management Service: Part III of chapter 110, F.S., establishes the Senior Management Service System, which is a separate system of personnel administration for positions in the executive branch. The duties and responsibilities are primarily and essentially policymaking or managerial in nature.²⁹ The DMS is charged with adopting rules that provide for a system for employing, promoting, or reassigning managers that is responsive to organizational or program needs.³⁰
- Selected Exempt Service: Part V of chapter 110, F.S., creates the Selected Exempt Service System (SES). The SES is a separate system of personnel administration that includes those positions that are exempt from the Career Service System. The DMS is required to designate all positions included in the SES as managerial/policymaking, professional, or nonmanagerial/nonpolicymaking.³¹ Employees in the SES serve at the pleasure of the agency head and are subject to suspension, dismissal, reduction in pay, demotion, transfer, or other personnel action at the discretion of the agency head.³²

Other-Personal-Services (OPS)

The Other-Personal-Services (OPS) classification was created as a classification for temporary employees. Prior to 2012, OPS employees were restricted to work no more than 1,040 hours annually without a recommendation by the agency head and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor for an extension.³³ In 2012, s. 110.131(2), F.S., was amended to eliminate the annual hourly cap and the corresponding requirement that agencies seek approval for extensions. Instead, agencies must review and document the mission-critical need for any continuing OPS position by June 30 of each vear.

Unless specifically provided by law, OPS employees are not eligible for any form of paid leave, paid holidays, a paid personal day, participation in state group insurance or retirement benefits, or any other state employee benefit.³⁴

²⁷ See art. III, s. 14 of the Fla. Const. 28

See art. I, s. 6 of the Fla. Const.

²⁹ See s. 110.402, F.S.

³⁰ See s. 110.403, F.S.

³¹ See s. 110.602, F.S. ³² See s. 110.604, F.S.

³³ See s. 110.131, F.S. (2011).

³⁴ S. 110.131(3), F.S. STORAGE NAME: pcb01.SPPACA

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State agencies and the university system³⁵ employ individuals in the OPS classification. The following is the average number of OPS employees per fiscal year for state agencies:³⁶

FY 2009-10	9,965
FY 2010-11	10,053
FY 2011-12	9,089

The number of OPS employees varies greatly among state agencies, with the Department of Health consistently hiring the most OPS employees (2,290 in FY 2011-12). Agencies are appropriated funds in the OPS appropriation category in the General Appropriations Act to hire OPS employees. For FY 2012-13, the agencies were allocated \$45,898,707 in recurring General Revenue and \$214,647,050 in recurring trust funds for a total of \$260,545,757. The agencies were also allocated \$656,832 in nonrecurring trust funds. Salaries and duties for OPS employees vary greatly. OPS positions range from low-skill clerical to high-skill medical doctors and the hourly wage varies accordingly. The Legislature provides the appropriation to the agencies to hire OPS employees and the agency has discretion over the number of OPS employees hired as well as the duties and salaries.

On February 28, 2013, the Self-Insurance Estimating Conference estimated that there are 3,015 OPS state agency employees and 5,722 OPS university employees who would be considered full-time employees under PPACA. The conference further estimated the numbers of employees likely to accept insurance coverage, if offered, and the cost to the state if the OPS employees were offered the current plan. The estimates for the costs to the state are as follows:

FY 2013-14 (6-months)		FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
Individual	Family	Individual	Family	Individual	Family
1,581	608	1,581	608	1,581	608
2,722	1,153	2,722	1,153	2,722	1,153
4,303	1,761	4,303	1,761	4,303	1,761
\$29.1 million		\$54.9 million \$60.4 millio		nillion	

The Division of State Group Insurance requested that Milliman develop an illustrative health plan that would meet the minimal coverage and affordability requirements of PPACA.³⁷ Using the number of OPS employees estimated by the Self-Insurance Estimating Conference, Milliman estimated that the state could provide coverage that meets the minimum requirements of PPACA for \$34.3 million in FY 2014-15.³⁸ The total monthly premium for individual coverage would be \$413.69, with the employee's share \$96.00.³⁹ The total monthly premium for family coverage would be \$1,009.7, with the employee's share \$136.74.40

The conference estimates that if the state does not offer health insurance to OPS employees who are considered full-time under PPACA, the penalty could potentially exceed \$321.8 million annually.

State of Florida's Compliance with PPACA

Historical information on OPS employees hired by the state universities is not available.

³⁶ Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Workforce Report, Florida Department of Management Services, available at:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/human resource support/human resource management/for state hr practitioners/reports (last viewed March 3, 2013).

Letter dated March 8, 2013, from Milliman to the Division of State Group Insurance regarding OPS Employee Insurance Plan Design, on file with the House Select Committee on PPACCA.

³⁹ A \$96.00 per month premium would be affordable to the state's lowest paid OPS employee.

⁴⁰ Milliman assumed that the state would pay the same percentage share of premium for OPS employees for family coverage as the state currently pays for Career Service employees. That percentage share is 13.54%. STORAGE NAME: pcb01.SPPACA

The State Group Insurance Program (Program), as a large group insurer, is subject to the provisions of PPACA. The Program has implemented and plans to continue to implement the provisions of PPACA that apply to the Program.

The major provisions of PPACA that have been implemented, or are in the process of being implemented, include:

- Elimination of overall lifetime plan maximums;
- Removal of annual limits for essential health benefits;
- Elimination of pre-existing condition exclusions for children under age 19;
- Patient-centered outcome research institute fees (phased in at \$1 to \$2 per participant); and
- Extended coverage for employees' adult children to age 26 without regard to dependency.

Major changes, effective January 1, 2014, include:

- Imposition of pass-through fees relating to the pharmaceutical industry; 2.3% excise tax on medical devices; and reinsurance, risk corridors, and risk adjustment; and
- Elimination of all pre-existing condition limitations.

The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference estimates complying with these provisions will cost the state \$38.7 million in FY 2013-14, \$64.7 million in FY 2014-15 and \$70.1 million in FY 2015-16.

Effects of the Bill

The bill amends s. 110.131, F.S., (OPS Employees) and s. 110.123, F.S., (State Group Insurance Program) to allow participation in the State Group Insurance Program by OPS employees of the state and of the university system who are considered full-time employees under the provisions of PPACA.

The bill grants authority to the State Group Insurance Program (Program) to develop a separate benefit plan for full-time OPS employees. The Program is directed to contract for a health benefit plan for full-time OPS employees that meets the minimum essential coverage and affordability requirements of PPACA.

Premiums for the 2014 plan year for full-time OPS employees are set at \$96.00 per month for individual coverage and \$136.74 for family coverage.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- **Section 1:** Amends s.110.123, F.S., relating to state group insurance program.
- Section 2: Amends s.110.131, F.S., relating to other-personal-services employment.
- **Section 3:** Creates an unnumbered section of Florida law providing for the OPS employee's share of the health insurance premiums for health benefits for the coverage period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

Section 4: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2013.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

See Fiscal Comments.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Funding for OPS health benefits are subject to an appropriation in the General Appropriations Act. The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference has not reviewed the provisions of this bill. If the conference uses similar assumptions as Milliman, the estimated cost to the state for the employer's share of premiums for providing a health benefit that only covers minimal essential benefits would be approximately \$17.2 million for FY 2013-14 and \$34.3 for FY 2014-15. The provisions of the bill would produce a cost savings over the conference estimate for OPS to participate in the current state group benefit design of \$11.9 million in FY 2013-14 and \$20.6 million for FY 2014-15.

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
 - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

No additional rule-making authority is necessary for the Department of Management Services to implement the provisions of the bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES