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State Health Plan Oversight Bill Ready for Action

A busy week at the legislature included SEANC Lobby Day on Tuesday, as 400 SEANC members met with their legislators to share concerns about the State Health Plan (SHP) and potential job cuts. Lawmakers repeatedly contacted SEANC lobbyists to inquire about the bill that will move the SHP oversight to the Department of Insurance (H2037) and the bill that removes the BMI penalty on members (H1968). Rep. Michael Wray (D-Vance), co-chairman of the House Insurance Committee, says H2037 is scheduled for Thursday's committee meeting. Many lawmakers from both sides of the aisle signed on as co-sponsors of the SHP oversight bill, including Rep. Deborah Ross (D-Wake) and Rep. Jennifer Weiss (D-Wake). Both are in leadership positions, and SEANC will look to them for help moving the bill to a floor vote.

SEANC lobbyists continue to work to get the BMI bill heard in the Committee on Health. House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman (D-Davidson) announced last week that the SHP could be in the hole more than \$400 million next year. Clearly, it is more important than ever that the SHP moves to the Department of Insurance where it can have true, full-time oversight. Call the members of the House Insurance Committee today and tell them that it is crucial to vote yes for H2037! You can reach the legislature at 919-733-4111.

Lobbyists continue to stand up for state employees and retirees in budget conference committee meetings, as House and Senate leaders meet to hammer out budget differences to present a final proposal to the governor for her signature.

House Insurance Committee

Chairman	Rep. Bruce Goforth
Chairman	Rep. Michael Wray
Vice Chairman	Rep. Van Braxton
Vice Chairman	Rep. Jerry Dockham
Vice Chairman	Rep. Mitchell Setzer
Members	Rep. Jeff Barnhart, Rep. John Blust, Rep. Harold Brubaker, Rep. Nelson Cole, Rep. Bill Current, Rep. Bill Faison, Rep. Pryor Gibson, Rep. Hugh Holliman, Rep. Julia Howard, Rep. Sandra Hughes, Rep. David Lewis, Rep. Garland Pierce, Rep. William Wainwright

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