

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 94-FN, relative to coverage of circumcision under the state Medicaid plan.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0.

Senator Kevin Avard for the committee.

This bill provides that the State Medicaid plan shall not include circumcision unless the child has a specific diagnosis for which the procedure is determined to be medically necessary. The Committee did not hear convincing testimony that this procedure is more harmful than beneficial. Furthermore, there are perceived religious and political implications on socially impacted communities. Thus, the Committee chose not to proceed with the bill at this time.