

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 136-FN, establishing an uncompensated care assessment, fund, and committee within the department of insurance.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Suzanne Prentiss for the committee.

This bill establishes an uncompensated health care fund to be administered by the Department of Insurance and assessed by a surcharge on commercial insurers, reinsurers, and trusts overseeing self-insured plans. The Committee recognizes that the issue of uncompensated care in mental health care is a priority, however, this approach is only one that needs full examination. At this time, the Committee feels it is best to recommend this bill for interim study while a comprehensive solution is developed.