

HB 2337 -- HEALTH INSURANCE COLLEGE STUDENT

SPONSOR: Parkinson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 1.

This bill prohibits a public university, as a condition of enrollment, from binding any student to a third-party contract for the provision of health insurance without the written approval of the student or the guardian of the student.

This bill is the same as HB 1331 (2015).

PROponents: Supporters say that universities are requiring students to either provide proof of health insurance in a specified time frame, or be required to purchase mandatory health insurance.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Parkinson.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say international students are required, per their visa, to carry health insurance, and those students agree to accept the health insurance the university offers in order to comply with their visa requirements. They do not ask domestic students if they have health insurance.

Testifying on the bill was Paul Wagner, Council On Public Higher Education.