FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Stewart	DATE TYPED: 01/27/02	HB	HJM 32
SHORT TITLE:	Review Insurance Contraceptive Coverage		SB	
		ANALYST:	Wilson	

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	NFI				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Health Policy Commission (HPC)
Public Regulation Commission (PRC)
Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)l

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 32 requests the superintendent of insurance to review the insurance industry's compliance with requirements to offer coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs or devices and to ascertain the number of religious entities that have elected to exclude that coverage from their policies as allowed by law. The superintendent is requested to report his findings and recommendations, if any, during the 2002 interim to an interim committee of the legislature that considers criminal and civil issues.

Significant Issue

The HPC notes that existing law requires that health insurance providers offer a prescription drug benefit to include contraceptive drugs and devices, but allows religious entities to exclude such coverage. There is, however, little or no information to determine compliance to the statute or the number of health insurance purchasers who have excluded that coverage.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The PRC says that the cost of conducting the survey could be handled within the existing budget.

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