

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

February 3, 2011
Date

Committee on Health and Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB11-019 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. 10-16-105.2, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

5 **10-16-105.2. Small employer health insurance availability**
6 **program.** (1.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A
7 SMALL EMPLOYER THAT DOES NOT HAVE, AND HAS NOT HAD IN THE
8 PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, A SMALL GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
9 PROVIDING COVERAGE TO ITS EMPLOYEES UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY
10 REIMBURSE AN EMPLOYEE, WHETHER THROUGH WAGE ADJUSTMENTS OR
11 HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, FOR ANY PORTION OF THE
12 PREMIUM FOR A HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN.

13 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
14 effect upon passage and shall apply to payments or reimbursements to
15 employees of small employers for the costs of health insurance premiums
16 on or after said date.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

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