

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist

SB 250 is supposedly a technical fix done every two years for DCBS. The Carrier outlines lists of effects of the bill but virtually none of that information is actually in the bill itself. No idea why. The Carrier claimed the bill implements language in the Affordable Care Act into State law but again neither the bill nor staff measure summary contain these details. The rhetoric for passage is the discrimination language which already exists in state and federal law. The Carrier claimed that cost effective insurance providers could be surcharged additional fees, for consumers to pay, to cover failing insurance providers. Apparently 'to big to fail' will now be paid by hard working citizens to cover bad providers. This will expand premiums. DCBS has failed to contain costs and profiteering thus providing them a revenue source to pay for their failures. Simply stated the bill and carry are not clear.