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SB 203

Senate Bill 203 – Health Insurance Coverage for Contraceptive...

Chairman Keane and members of the House Business and Labor Committee, for the record, my name is Tylynn Gordon and I am here on behalf of John Morrison and the State Auditor's Office.

This bill is primarily a fairness issue. Insurance companies, at times, exclude drugs from insurance coverage. This exclusion is usually based on the experimental nature of the drug or the availability of a formulary drug that is less expensive.

In this case neither is a rational for exclusion. Prescriptive contraceptives have been available for 30 years or more and there are few formularies that are less expensive.

As a matter of fairness, we urge a do concur on Senate Bill 203.