

Exhibit No. ~~24~~ 24Amendments to House Bill No. 2 Date 3-18-11
3rd Reading CopyBill No. HB 2

Requested by Senator Dave Wanzonried

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page B-3, line 23.

Strike: "1,419,972 1,419,972" [state special fund FY12&FY13]

Insert: "4,003,223 4,003,223" [state special fund FY12&FY13]

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Explanation - This amendment adds \$5.2 million over the biennium for Big Sky Rx, a state funded program that provides premium assistance to low-income Medicare beneficiaries to purchase Medicare Part D drug coverage. This amendment reinstates program financial eligibility to 200% of the federal poverty level. HB 2 currently funds eligibility at 135% of the federal poverty level. This amendment also restores funding for 3.50 FTE for a total of 5.00, which is the current level for program administration, and would provide premium assistance to 10,718 persons compared to 3,335 in the current HB 2 appropriation.

This amendment adds the following amounts:
health and Medicaid initiatives tobacco tax state special revenue
- \$2,583,251 each year of the biennium for a total of \$5,166,502.