

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0090

State retiree health insurance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McOmie, Bagby, Gilmore,  
Illoway, Slater and Warren and Senator(s)  
Decaria and Sessions

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state employees' and officials'  
2 group insurance plan; providing a state contribution for  
3 retirees for plan benefits; specifying early retiree  
4 premium rates; providing an appropriation; and providing  
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-210(a) through (c) and 9-3-218 by  
10 creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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12 **9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates**  
13 **submitted to state budget officer; specified employees**  
14 **participation in federal program.**

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1           (a) The state shall contribute monthly the amount  
2 established and appropriated by the legislature for each  
3 employee and official enrolled in the plan in accordance  
4 with subsections (b) and (c) of this section. For retirees,  
5 the state shall contribute for each retiree enrolled in the  
6 plan a monthly amount as established and appropriated by  
7 the legislature for each year of state employment service  
8 up to a maximum of thirty (30) years of service. In  
9 establishing the monthly amount, the legislature may  
10 distinguish between classes of employees based upon years  
11 of state service and the cost to classes of retirees based  
12 upon plan benefits provided to the class.

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14           (b) Any state agency, department or institution,  
15 including the University of Wyoming and the community  
16 colleges in the state, shall pay monthly to the department  
17 the amount established and appropriated by the legislature  
18 for each eligible employee or official electing to become  
19 covered by any portion of the group insurance plan as the  
20 contribution of the state to that plan during the period  
21 the employee or official is enrolled in the plan. If the  
22 monthly premium for coverage of the employee or official is  
23 less than the amount established and appropriated by the  
24 legislature, the balance may be applied to the premium for

1 coverage of dependents, or to the premium for any optional  
2 group insurance coverage made available by the department,  
3 if so elected. The department shall receive all  
4 appropriations for retiree contributions under subsection  
5 (a) of this section and shall apply monthly the amount  
6 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for  
7 each eligible retiree electing to become covered by health  
8 insurance under the group insurance plan as the  
9 contribution of the retiree to that plan during the period  
10 the retiree is enrolled in the plan.

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12 (c) Each state agency, department or institution,  
13 including the University of Wyoming and the community  
14 colleges in the state shall estimate the amount required  
15 for its participation in the group insurance plan for the  
16 next biennium and shall submit the estimate to the state  
17 budget officer at the time the state budget officer makes  
18 the request. The board shall estimate the amount required  
19 for retiree contributions under subsection (a) of this  
20 section and shall submit the estimate as provided by this  
21 subsection.

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23 **9-3-218. Retiree membership in plan.**  
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1       (d) Premium rates for health insurance plans under  
2 the program for retirees who are not Medicare eligible  
3 shall be the same as rates for nonretiree eligible  
4 employees.

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6       **Section 2.**

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8       (a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and  
9 ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated from the  
10 general fund to the department of administration and  
11 information three million three hundred fifty-five thousand  
12 dollars (\$3,355,000.00) for purposes of paying the state  
13 monthly contribution of:

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15               (i) Eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per  
16 year of state service up to a maximum of thirty (30) years  
17 on behalf of eligible retirees who are not Medicare  
18 eligible; and

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20               (ii) Five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$5.75)  
21 per year of state service up to a maximum of thirty (30)  
22 years on behalf of eligible retirees who are Medicare  
23 eligible.

