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Promoting Health Care Purchasing Cooperatives Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Promoting Health Care Purchasing Cooperatives Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), to award grants for the development of health care purchasing cooperatives by two or more self-insured employers.

Sets forth requirements for cooperatives, including that they: (1) are nonprofit, wholly owned, and democratically governed by its member-employers; (2) exist solely to serve the membership base; (3) assist members in pooling their health care insurance purchasing power; (4) provide data to improve the ability of the members to make data-based decisions regarding their health plans; and (5) conduct activities to enhance quality improvement in the health care community.

Requires the Secretary to carry out an identical grant program for eligible groups of two or more employers that have 99 employees or less and purchase health insurance for their employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 15, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 15, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3749-3750)
- **Apr 15, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3750-3751)