

# A-3599

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## **Brief Description:**

Consolidates the Individual Health Coverage Program and the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board.

## **Bill #/Sponsor(s):**

Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-Union)

## **Reasons to Support:**

- Reduce the number of meetings.
- Potentially reduce carrier costs if they have one representative for each Board.

## **Reasons to Oppose:**

- The issues are very different. The individual board focuses on the consumer needs and manner of selecting a health plan while the employer is the plan sponsor for small employer group health plans.
- The carrier representatives are from different markets with the respective expertise. Having one board would not equate to one representative for both markets.
- Board staff is compensated by the health carriers and would not therefore have any financial savings to the Department of Banking & Insurance.

## **NJAHU Position:**

**OPPOSE**

For the reasons noted above, NJAHU opposes this bill.

## **Status:**

10-23-2006 Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee



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