

SUBJECT: Amending El Paso County health care provider participation program

COMMITTEE: County Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Neave Criado, Stucky, Gerdes, J. Jones, Orr, Rosenthal, Schatzline
1 nay — Tinderholt

SENATE VOTE: On final passage (April 27) — 29 - 2

WITNESSES: None (*considered in formal meeting on May 3*)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that legislative action is needed to continue the El Paso County Hospital District health care provider participation program, which is set to expire December 31, 2023.

DIGEST: SB 849 would extend the El Paso County Hospital District's authority to operate a health care provider participation program until December 31, 2027. The bill also would allow the district to impose and collect interest and penalties on delinquent mandatory payments in any amount that did not exceed the maximum amount authorized for other delinquent payments owed to the district.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.