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Legislators to learn about state employee health benefits

BATON ROUGE – House Speaker Chuck Kleckley and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Fannin have announced that the Appropriations Committee will convene September 25 to hear from personnel with the Office of Group Benefits concerning proposed changes to state employee health plans.

Although the Joint Committee on the Budget has heard from OGB and other agencies several times during the Committee's regular meetings, Speaker Kleckley has asked the Appropriations Committee to focus on OGB issues to allow all House members to gather information, ask questions important to their constituents, and to receive testimony from the public.

"With the upcoming changes in the OGB plans, I think it's important for our members to be educated and informed on exactly what is taking place," Kleckley said, "They need answers to questions they've received from the active and retired state employees in their areas."

"This has been an important issue for the Committee," Fannin said, "We'll make sure all House members who wish to ask questions will be given an opportunity to do so."

The meeting will be held September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in House Committee Room 5 at the State Capitol. All members of the House are invited to attend and ask questions, and the committee will receive testimony from the public on its concerns.

Open enrollment for OGB begins October 1, 2014, with new plans going into effect January 1, 2015.

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