

Amend **HB 2963** by adding the following new SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent sections appropriately.

SECTION __. Section 61.029, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A county may provide or arrange to provide health care services for eligible county residents through the purchase of health coverage or other health benefits, including benefits described by Chapter 75.

SECTION __. Section 61.056, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A public hospital or hospital district may provide or arrange to provide health care services for eligible residents through the purchase of health coverage or other health benefits, including benefits described by Chapter 75. For purposes of this subsection, the board of directors or managers of the hospital or district has the powers and duties provided to the commissioners court of a county under Chapter 75.