

Amend SB 859 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 1501, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1501.068 to read as follows:

Sec. 1501.068. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS. The commissioner may adopt rules and procedures to allow an employer participating in a cooperative to make financial contributions to an employee's or retiree's individual consumer directed health benefit plan offered through the cooperative in a manner that does not jeopardize the employer's state or federal tax benefit status.