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# How MN Lawmakers Voted on Disclosure of Healthcare Industry's Spending of Public Funds

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As the final weeks of the 2014 Minnesota legislative session were coming to a close, Minnesota's health maintenance organizations (HMOs) were busy lobbying to keep secret the details of their management of billions of dollars of public money. The Legislature was taking up a bill—HF 2167/SF 1770—that would require businesses that contract with the government to disclose how they spend public money. Only one industry lobbied for an exemption: the HMOs that contract with the state to manage Minnesota's public healthcare programs. (For more on this issue, see page 14 of the No. 2, 2014, issue of the *Land Stewardship Letter*: <http://landstewardshipproject.org/about/landstewardshipletter/no22014landstewardshipletter>.)

Both the House and the Senate **passed** amendments to SF 1770 that **exempted HMOs from the public disclosure requirements for at least one year**. See **Hortman Amendment** below for the vote count in the House.

Representative David Bly (DFL-Northfield) and Representative Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester), working with Senator John Marty (DFL-Roseville), offered additional amendments to limit the exemption given to the HMOs. **Rep. Bly proposed a successful amendment that clearly limits the HMO exemption to one year, after which their exemption expires and they will be held to the same data disclosure requirements as every other industry in Minnesota** (see **Bly Amendment** below for the vote count). The Senate, with help from Sen. Marty, also agreed to end the exemption after one year.

**Rep. Liebling proposed a good amendment that would have required HMOs to disclose their management of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare dollars to legislative leaders, who are responsible for overseeing the Health and Human Services budget. Liebling's amendment did not pass** (see **Liebling Amendment** below for the vote count). This means the Legislature will also have to wait until June 2015 to gather information on the HMOs' administration of the expanding pool of MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance funding.

# Hortman Amendment

Exempted HMOs from public disclosure requirements in Minnesota.

## Yay

Abeler  
Albright  
Anderson, S.  
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Fabian  
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Gunther  
Halverson  
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Hortman  
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Johnson, B.  
Johnson, C.  
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Mahoney  
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Murphy, E.  
Nelson  
Newberger  
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Nornes  
Norton  
Pelowski  
Persell  
Petersburg  
Poppe  
Pugh  
Quam  
Rosenthal  
Sanders  
Schoen  
Schomacker  
Scott  
Selcer  
Slocum  
Uglen  
Urdahl  
Wagenius  
Ward, J.E.  
Woodard  
Yarusso  
Zellers  
Zerwas  
Spk. Thissen

## Nay

Allen  
Anderson, P.  
Anzelc  
Beard  
Bernardy  
Bly  
Brynaert  
Carlson  
Clark  
Cornish  
Daudt  
Dettmer  
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Erickson, S.  
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Hornstein  
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Isaacson  
Johnson, S.  
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Loeffler  
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O'Driscoll  
Paymar  
Peppin  
Runbeck  
Savick  
Sawatzky  
Simon  
Simonson  
Sundin  
Swedzinski  
Theis  
Torkelson  
Ward, J.A.  
Wills  
Winkler

# Bly Amendment

Limited the HMO exemption from public disclosure requirements to one year, ending in June 2015.

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Holberg  
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Hornstein  
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Johnson, B.  
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Masin  
McNamar  
McNamara  
Melin  
Metsa  
Moran  
Morgan  
Mullery  
Murphy, E.  
Murphy, M.  
Nelson  
Newberger

## Nay

Anzelc  
Davids  
Dill  
Leidiger  
McDonald  
Myhra  
O'Neill  
Quam  
Savick  
Schomacker  
Scott  
Simonson  
Sundin  
Woodard  
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O'Driscoll  
Paymar  
Pelowski  
Peppin  
Persell  
Petersburg  
Poppe  
Pugh  
Radinovich  
Rosenthal  
Runbeck  
Sanders  
Sawatzky  
Schoen  
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# Liebling Amendment

Would have required HMOs to disclose their management of public funds to leaders in the Legislature.

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