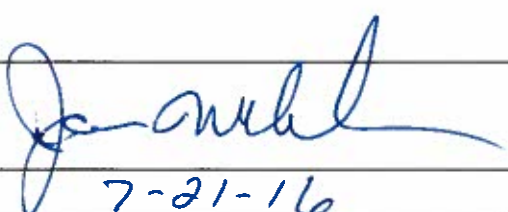


**DISCLOSURE BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL (as defined by G.L. c. 268B, § 1)
OF A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN AN ACTION TO BE TAKEN
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 5A** **RECEIVED**
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

	PUBLIC OFFICIAL INFORMATION	2016 JUL 22 PM 3:33
Name of public official:	James T. Welch	
Public official position:	Massachusetts State Senator	
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	I am filing this disclosure because I am a public official and, in the discharge of my official duties, I am required to take an action which would substantially affect my own financial interests. I recognize that the action will have a greater effect on me than on the general public or on other state employees. I understand that after I disclose my financial interest, I may take the action.	
	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	
Official action to be taken:	I intend to discuss, vote on, and otherwise participate in consideration of the Governor's actions with respect to the fiscal year 2017 budget. One issue to be considered is whether the budget should include language that would change the Commonwealth's health insurance contribution for active state employees who were hired before July 1, 2003 and who receive health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission.	
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ACTION TO BE TAKEN	
Financial interest involved:	Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it. I have been a state employee since before July 1, 2003 and I receive health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission. Action on the Governor's proposed change would affect the amount of my annual contribution for health insurance.	
Public official's signature:		
Date:	7-21-16	

Attach additional pages if necessary.