

SHB 2197 - H AMD 1659

By Representative Seaquist

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
4 effectiveness of the department of social and health services has
5 continued to improve in recent years as a result of a number of
6 program improvements directed by the governor and the legislature, by
7 managerial improvements effected by the department's leaders, and by
8 reinvigorated executive leadership. Noting that the state is
9 experiencing a historically severe recession, the legislature assumes
10 that economic recovery will be very slow and that the concomitant
11 demand for social and health services will remain high while revenues
12 will remain tightly constrained. The legislature therefore finds that
13 further rapid and substantial improvement must be achieved in the
14 cost-effectiveness of social and health services expenditures.

15 The legislature notes that the governor, the secretary of the
16 department of social and health services, the heads of allied agencies
17 and many local service providers agree that comprehensive service
18 integration can be an important next step in the evolution of more
19 cost effective social and health programs.

20 The legislature recognizes that many millions of dollars in
21 savings for the administration and delivery of health and human
22 services are assumed in the omnibus operating budget. For those
23 savings to be achieved without adversely impacting client services, it
24 is essential that the department implement the provisions of this act.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** In consultation with the governor and other
27 affected agency heads, the secretary of the department of social and

1 health services shall identify a population of clients using extensive
2 services and resources which might be served in a more cost-effective
3 manner through enterprise-wide functional integration of service
4 delivery and program oversight. The secretary shall chair a multi-
5 agency work group convened by the governor comprised of senior
6 representatives of department programs affecting the selected
7 population and senior representatives of other state, local
8 government, and community agencies providing relevant services to the
9 selected population. The multi-agency workgroup shall develop and
10 implement a process to integrate and coordinate the delivery of
11 services within the department and with other agencies and programs to
12 achieve improved outcomes for the selected client population and
13 cost savings for the state. By December 1, 2010, the governor shall
14 report to the legislature progress on designing and implementing the
15 plan, additional populations that may benefit from extending the
16 integration effort, and any supportive legislation. The governor is
17 also invited to propose a procedure by which half of the achieved
18 savings can be reinvested in ways which further the project's
19 objectives."

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21 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and requires the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services to identify a population of clients that would be better served through an intra-agency functional integration of service delivery. The Secretary shall chair a multi-agency workgroup that shall develop and implement a process to integrate and coordinate the delivery of services. By December 1, 2010, the governor shall report to the legislature on the progress of the design and implementation of the plan, other populations that may benefit from a similar integration effort, and any supportive legislation. The governor is invited to propose a procedure in which half of the achieved saving can be reinvested in ways to further the project's objectives.

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