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By Representatives Maycumber, Cody, Callan, Eslick, Macri, Ramos, Griffey, Riccelli, and Leavitt; by request of Health Care Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to reauthorizing and amending dates for the total
2 cost of insulin work group; amending RCW 70.14.160; creating a new
3 section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.14.160 and 2020 c 346 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The total cost of insulin work group is established. The work
8 group membership must consist of the insurance commissioner or
9 designee and the following members appointed by the governor:

10 (a) A representative from the prescription drug purchasing
11 consortium described in RCW 70.14.060;

12 (b) A representative from the pharmacy quality assurance
13 commission;

14 (c) A representative from an association representing independent
15 pharmacies;

16 (d) A representative from an association representing chain
17 pharmacies;

18 (e) A representative from each health carrier offering at least
19 one health plan in a commercial market in the state;

20 (f) A representative from each health carrier offering at least
21 one health plan to state or public school employees in the state;

1 (g) A representative from an association representing health
2 carriers;

3 (h) A representative from the public employees' benefits board or
4 the school employees' benefits board;

5 (i) A representative from the health care authority;

6 (j) A representative from a pharmacy benefit manager that
7 contracts with state purchasers;

8 (k) A representative from a drug distributor or wholesaler that
9 distributes or sells insulin in the state;

10 (l) A representative from a state agency that purchases health
11 care services and drugs for a selected population;

12 (m) A representative from the attorney general's office with
13 expertise in prescription drug purchasing; and

14 (n) A representative from an organization representing diabetes
15 patients who is living with diabetes.

16 (2) The work group must review and design strategies to reduce
17 the cost of and total expenditures on insulin in this state.
18 Strategies the work group must consider include, but are not limited
19 to, a state agency becoming a licensed drug wholesaler, a state
20 agency becoming a registered pharmacy benefit manager, and a state
21 agency purchasing prescription drugs on behalf of the state directly
22 from other states or in coordination with other states.

23 (3) Staff support for the work group shall be provided by the
24 health care authority.

25 (4) By December 1, (~~2020~~) 2022, the work group must submit a
26 preliminary report detailing strategies to reduce the cost of and
27 total expenditures on insulin for patients, health carriers, payers,
28 and the state. The work group must submit a final report by July 1,
29 (~~2021~~) 2023, to the governor and the legislature. The final report
30 must include any statutory changes necessary to implement the
31 strategies.

32 (5) This section expires December 1, (~~2022~~) 2024.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
34 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
35 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
36 act is null and void.

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