

1566-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Dyer; by request of Health Care Authority)

Brief Description: Modifying public employee health care coverage.

**HB 1566-S2.2E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises the implementation of certain elements of the plan.

Deletes the requirement that school district employees purchase health insurance through the health care authority and makes the decision voluntary.

Gives public employees the choice to waive state sponsored health insurance coverage.

Deletes the requirement for a single, community-rated risk pool.

Calls for a study of the feasibility of a voucher-type process for enrollment for state employees.

Calls for a study of the desirability of health care authority future self-funding of the uniform medical plan.

Makes managed competition permissive.

Requests the waiver of federal rules to implement portions of the community-rated risk pool.

Repeals RCW 41.05.200, 41.05.210, 41.05.240, and 43.72.230.