

1 **2SHB 2419 - H AMD 923**

2 By Representative Carlson

3 On page 1, line 17, after reading.- insert The role of  
4 professional development in supporting and sustaining a high quality  
5 teaching force is critical. Schools and school districts should be  
6 encouraged to review their reading programs in the early grades to  
7 ensure they are meeting the needs of all children in their districts.  
8 The legislature further finds that many primary grade teachers would  
9 benefit from additional professional development instruction in  
10 beginning reading skills and access to current information regarding  
11 research-based and scientifically validated instructional strategies  
12 that improve student achievement in reading as identified in the  
13 essential academic learning requirements.-

**EFFECT:** Language is added to the intent section on the importance of professional development and on the need to ensure that teachers have access to information on research-based and scientifically validated instructional strategies that improve reading skills identified in the essential academic learning requirements.