

1 **2SSB 5127** - H AMD to FIN COMM AMD (H3150.1) **546 ADOPTED 4-11-97**

2 By Representative Mulliken

3 On page 5, beginning on line 10, strike sections 7 and 8, and  
4 insert:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The committees on finance and health care  
6 of the house of representatives shall conduct a joint interim study on  
7 trauma care services funding.

8 (1) The study shall:

9 (a) Review how health care providers and facilities determine  
10 which patients are classified as trauma care patients;

11 (b) Examine actual trauma care services information for fiscal  
12 year 1997 to determine how the four million six hundred thousand  
13 dollars appropriated from the state's general fund for trauma care was  
14 spent and whether the appropriation was sufficient to reimburse all  
15 eligible trauma care services for treating medically indigent persons  
16 who had a trauma index severity score of 16 or higher;

17 (c) Determine if reimbursement at the Medicaid rate covers, on  
18 average, the actual costs of trauma care services for treating a  
19 medically indigent person. If reimbursement at the Medicaid rate does  
20 not cover actual costs, then the study shall determine by how much the  
21 reimbursement at the Medicaid rate fails to cover actual costs;

22 (d) Review grants, contributions, and other income received by  
23 trauma center facilities that are not third party reimbursements.

24 (e) Compare and contrast financial information for trauma care  
25 service providers to determine if the overall financial condition of  
26 such providers has worsened, improved, or held constant over the last  
27 five years; and

28 (f) Analyze any other information which assists the committees to  
29 better understand the amount of funding needed for trauma care  
30 services.

31 (2) The office of program research shall provide staff support for  
32 the study. The department of health, the department of social and  
33 health services, and the emergency medical services and trauma care

1 steering committee shall provide information and technical support as  
2 needed.

3 (3) For the purposes of this section "trauma care services" means  
4 verified ambulance services, designated trauma services, and related  
5 services provided by a physician who is an active member of a trauma  
6 service team at a designated facility."

7 Renumber sections consecutively, correct any internal references  
8 accordingly, and correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Replaces the study by the health department with a study  
by the house finance and health care committees.