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Brief Title: Establishing a state health care purchasing and policy office.

**HB 2169 - DIGEST**

Directs the governor to establish a state health care purchasing and policy office by July 1, 1997. The purpose of this office is to develop and implement the most cost-effective methods of purchasing health care coverage for public employees and other persons for whom the state purchases health care. In establishing the office, the director shall utilize the personnel and resources of existing state health-related agencies to the extent possible.

Provides that the health care policy board is hereby abolished and its powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the state health care purchasing and policy office.

Repeals RCW 43.73.010, 43.73.020, and 43.73.040.