

6546-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Winsley, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Wojahn, Jacobsen, Spanel, Gardner, Goings, Rasmussen, Prentice, McAuliffe and Kline)

Brief Description: Providing a program to support family and other unpaid long-term caregivers.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a program to support family and other unpaid long-term caregivers.

Provides that, the family caregiver long-term care information and support services administered by the respective area agencies on aging may include: (1) Information about an array of private and public long-term care support services available;

(2) assistance in gaining access to appropriate long-term care services;

(3) family and individual counseling, including promoting and implementing family support groups;

(4) family caregiver training to assist the caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiving roles;

(5) respite care to enable eligible caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities; and

(6) supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers that may include but not be limited to: (a) translating/interpreter services; (b) specialized transportation; (c) assistance purchasing necessary supplies, durable goods, or equipment; and (d) client advocacy.