

1 **ESSB 5522** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Health Care

3 On page 10, line 7, after "(2)" strike all material through "act."
4 and insert the following: "The legislature intends that federal
5 medicaid requirements be met.

6 (3)The legislature intends that the implementation and operation
7 of the state mental health ombudsman program shall have no additional
8 fiscal impact for the first two years of the program, and that:

9 (a) The department of community, trade, and economic development
10 shall expend no more than:

11 (i) The amount annually expended for mental health ombudsman and
12 quality review team services, and related administration, by regional
13 support networks, and state hospitals and their subcontractors,
14 pursuant to contracts with the department of social and health
15 services;

16 (ii) The amount annually expended by the mental health division of
17 the department of social and health services in staff support,
18 monitoring oversight, and subcontracted training and consultation for
19 community mental health ombudsman and quality review team services and
20 state hospital mental health patient advocate or ombudsman-related
21 services.

22 (b) Costs and expenses, as referenced in this section, must
23 include any and all expenses associated with the implementation and
24 operation of the state mental health ombudsman program by the
25 department of community, trade, and economic development, the office of
26 mental health ombudsman, and its contractors or subcontractors. Any
27 costs incurred in the planning and implementation of the state mental
28 health ombudsman program while services are still being provided within
29 the regional support networks and state hospitals must be made up out
30 of the next fiscal year s total amount of the interagency agreement
31 between the department of community, trade, and economic development
32 with the department of social and health services.

33 (c) Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent the
34 solicitation and use of private funds by the office of mental health

1 ombudsman. Any funds received from private sources may be expended in
2 excess of the limitations imposed in this section.

3 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references
4 accordingly.

EFFECT: Clarifies that making the systems change to a statewide mental health ombudsman program must entail no fiscal impact. Specifies that private monies solicited by the office of mental health ombudsman are not subject to limits on spending.