
HOUSE BILL 2816

State of Washington 57th Legislature 2002 Regular Session

By Representatives Kagi, Campbell, Darneille, Edwards, Hunt and Santos

Read first time 01/29/2002. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to review of laws governing the operation of
2 nursing homes; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The nursing home committee is hereby
5 created.

6 (1) Membership of the committee shall include fifteen members, four
7 of whom shall be legislators. The president of the senate shall
8 appoint two members of the senate, one from the majority caucus and one
9 from the minority caucus. The speaker of the house of representatives
10 shall appoint two members of the house of representatives, one from the
11 majority caucus and one from the minority caucus. The remaining
12 members shall be appointed by the governor and shall include: Two
13 representatives of statewide nursing home associations, two nursing
14 home operators nominated by statewide nursing home associations, four
15 members of the public, one member representing the department of social
16 and health services, one person representing the governor, and one
17 person representing unionized employees of a nursing home.

1 (2) The nursing home committee shall review all state and federal
2 statutes and rules governing the operation of nursing homes and shall
3 identify:

4 (a) Areas of redundancy and duplication;

5 (b) Opportunities for greater efficiency; and

6 (c) Opportunities to shift the focus of regulation to a
7 collaborative, consultative process.

8 (3) The nursing home committee shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
10 senate and house of representatives no later than September 15, 2004.

11 (4) The nursing home committee shall cease to exist on December 31,
12 2004.

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