

ESSB 5261 - H AMD TO H-5489.2 **1359**
By Representative Herrera

1 On page 14, after line 16, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The office of the insurance
3 commissioner shall explore the feasibility of entering into a
4 multistate health insurance plan compact for the purpose of
5 providing affordable health insurance coverage for persons
6 purchasing individual health coverage. The office of the insurance
7 commissioner shall propose model state legislation that each
8 participating state would enact prior to entering into the
9 multistate health insurance plan compact. If federal legislation is
10 necessary to permit the operation of the multistate health
11 insurance plan, the office of the insurance commissioner shall
12 identify needed changes in federal statutes and rules.

13 (2) The office of the insurance commissioner shall report the
14 findings and recommendations of the feasibility study to the
15 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives
16 by December 1, 2008."

EFFECT: Requires the office of the insurance commissioner to explore the feasibility of operating a multistate health insurance pool for persons purchasing individual health coverage.