On page, 98, after line 4, insert the following:

"(49) The authority shall work with the department of health, other state agencies, and other hepatitis C virus medication purchasers to establish a comprehensive procurement strategy. As part of this work, the authority shall estimate, by program, any savings that will result from lower medication costs. It is the intent of the legislature to evaluate reinvesting any savings to expand treatment for individuals enrolled in state covered groups and to further the public health elimination effort during the 2020 legislative session. By October 31, 2019, the authority and department shall report to the governor and relevant committees of the legislature on:

(a) The progress of the procurement;
(b) The estimated savings resulting from lower medication costs;
(c) Funding needed for public health interventions to eliminate the hepatitis C virus;
(d) The current status of treatment; and
(e) A plan to implement the elimination effort."

EFFECT: Requires the Health Care Authority to work with the Department of Health and other stakeholders to establish a comprehensive Hepatitis C virus medication procurement strategy.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.