

2 **SSB 6296** - S AMD - 235

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5 Rossi, Johnson, Hochstatter, Finkbeiner, Roach, Sheahan and Hale

6 NOT ADOPTED 3/3/00

7 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
8 following:

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are many  
10 low income individuals in Washington who are not receiving assistance  
11 from the temporary assistance for needy families program. The  
12 legislature finds it commendable that these individuals are working  
13 hard at low wage jobs in order to make ends meet, without resorting to  
14 public assistance. Many of these individuals are working women raising  
15 children, and many are employed in nursing homes and boarding homes,  
16 providing necessary services in our state. It is the intent of the  
17 legislature to assist these workers through the application of a wage  
18 subsidy.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of social and health services  
20 shall subsidize the wages of low income health care workers with the  
21 addition of one dollar per hour of work performed. The wage subsidy  
22 shall be paid using funds from the temporary assistance for needy  
23 families federal block grant.

24 For the purposes of this act, "low income health care workers"  
25 means:

- 26 (1) Low income nursing home employees, limited to nursing certified  
27 assistants, dietary and kitchen workers, and housekeeping workers; and  
28 (2) Low income boarding home employees, limited to nursing and  
29 personal care assistants."

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7 On page 1, on line 1 of the title, after "access to" strike the  
8 remainder of the title, and insert "wage subsidies for certain low  
9 income workers; and creating new sections."

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**EFFECT:** Subsidizes the wages of certain low income workers in the health care industry.