

1 **SB 6828** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-4864.3/02) **Failed 3-12-02 0556**

2 By Representative ____

3 On page 1, line 7 of the amendment, strike all material through
4 page 9, line 19, and insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. INTENT. The legislature recognizes that home care
6 workers perform services that are vital to the health, the well-being, and the independence
7 of our elderly and disabled residents. The people in need of home care services are our
8 parents, our neighbors, and our friends. The legislature further recognizes that the home
9 care workers who perform these critical services earn an hourly rate that is not, by any
10 calculation, a living wage, and that there is an incredible turnover in home care given this
11 wage and the difficulty of this work. The legislature recognizes that it will have to make
12 hard budget choices in the current recession, but declares that increasing home care wages
13 should be one of those choices. The legislature therefore declares a need to make
14 available from a revenue source intended to improve the quality of health care for our
15 citizens, the means by which to provide an increase in the wages of home care workers."

16 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct title and
17 internal references accordingly.

18 On page 9, of the amendment, strike all material in lines 26 and 27 and insert."

19 On page 9, line 31 of the amendment, after "RCW 43.72.900," insert "to the
20 general fund for purposes of section 3 of this act,"

21 On page 10, after line 7, insert the following:

22 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) By June 30, 2002, the state treasurer shall transfer the
23 sum of eleven million two hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars from the tobacco
24 settlement account to the general fund--state.

25 (2) The sum of three million four hundred ninety-four thousand dollars is appropriated
26 from the general fund--state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and the sum of three
27 million two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars is appropriated from the general fund--federal

1 for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2003, to the division of developmental disabilities
2 within the department of social and health services solely for purposes of this section.

3 (3) The sum of seven million eight hundred and four thousand dollars is appropriated
4 from the general fund--state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and the sum of
5 seven million eight hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars is appropriated from the general
6 fund--federal for the aging and adults services administration within the department of social
7 and health services solely for purposes of this section.

8 (4) The appropriations in this section are provided solely for the purposes of
9 providing an additional fifty-cent-per-hour increase in the hourly wage of home care workers
10 receiving wages appropriated under sections 205(1) and 206(11) of chapter 7, laws of
11 2001."

12 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct title and
13 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Removes the provisions authorizing issuance of bonds and sale of a portion of the state's revenues from the tobacco settlement. Makes appropriations from the general fund--state and general fund--federal to fund an additional fifty cent per hour increase in the hourly wages of home care workers funded by the state. Directs the Treasurer to transfer moneys from the Tobacco Settlement Account to fund the general fund--state portion of the appropriation.