(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes the Washington citizens' work group on health care reform.

Requires the work group to: (1) Begin deliberations by reviewing in detail the findings and recommendations of the 2006 blue ribbon commission on health care costs and access;

- (2) Engage Washingtonians in a public process on improving access to quality, affordable health care;
- (3) Review and develop recommendations to the governor and the legislature related to health care reform proposals; and
- (4) Through the activities outlined in this act, develop a careful understanding of the essential requirements for health care reform as seen by the many different primary stakeholders in Washington state.

Provides that, consistent with funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the legislature shall contract with an independent consultant with expertise in health economics and actuarial science to evaluate certain health care reform proposals.