

**E2SHB 2956** - S AMD TO S COMM AMD (S-5552.1/10) **441**

By Senators Keiser and Parlette

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1 On page 14, after line 12, insert the following:

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3 "(3)By December 1, 2012, the department will submit a study to the  
4 legislature with recommendations on the amount of the assessments  
5 necessary to continue to support hospital payments for the 2013-15  
6 biennium. The evaluation will assess medicaid hospital payments  
7 relative to medicaid hospital costs. The study should address  
8 current federal law, including any changes on scope of medicaid  
9 coverage and provisions related to provider taxes. The study should  
10 also address the state's economic forecast. Based on the forecast,  
11 the department should recommend the amount of assessment needed to  
12 support future hospital payments and the departmental administrative  
13 expenses. Recommendations should be developed with the fiscal  
committees of the legislature, office of financial management and  
the Washington state hospital association."

EFFECT: Requires a study to the legislature recommending the amount of the assessments needed to continue to support hospital payment increases, based on an evaluation of Medicaid hospital payments relative to Medicaid hospitals costs and the state's economic condition.

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