

**SB 5360-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes the community health care collaborative grant program to further the efforts of community-based coalitions to increase access to appropriate, affordable health care for Washington residents, particularly employed low-income persons and children in school who are uninsured and underinsured.

Directs the Washington state health care authority to:

- (1) Provide administrative support for the program; and
- (2) Endeavor to disburse community health care collaborative grant funds throughout the state, supporting collaborative initiatives of differing sizes and scales, serving at-risk populations.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 5360

April 30, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members,  
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill 5360 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to community health care collaborative grants."

Section 3 requires the administrator of the Health Care Authority to produce a report every two years. In difficult economic times, producing additional reports will only further strain limited funding and staff time. If legislators or governors require further information on the performance of the grant program, they can simply request such information from the Health Care Authority. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute Senate Bill 5360.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5360 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor