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**SENATE BILL 5180**

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**State of Washington                      65th Legislature                      2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Bailey, Walsh, Darneille, Keiser, Palumbo, and Conway

Read first time 01/16/17. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1            AN ACT Relating to the legislative advisory committee on aging;  
2            creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1)(a) The legislative advisory committee  
5            on aging is established, with members as provided in this subsection.

6            (i) The president of the senate must appoint two members from  
7            each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

8            (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint two  
9            members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
10           representatives.

11           (iii) The department of social and health services and the health  
12           care authority shall cooperate with the committee and maintain  
13           liaison representatives, who are nonvoting members.

14           (b) The committee must choose its cochairs from among its  
15           legislative membership. The members representing the majority caucus  
16           of the senate must convene the initial meeting of the committee.

17           (c) The committee, where appropriate, may consult with  
18           individuals from the public and private sector or ask the individuals  
19           to establish an advisory committee. Members of such an advisory  
20           committee are not entitled to expense reimbursement.

1           (2) The committee may review issues of importance to the state's  
2 aging community. These may include housing issues, long-term care  
3 issues, health and wellness issues, transportation issues, financial  
4 issues, and other issues determined by the committee.

5           (3) Staff support for the committee must be provided by the  
6 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
7 program research.

8           (4) Legislative members of the committee are reimbursed for  
9 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
10 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
11 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
12 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
13 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

14           (5) The expenses of the committee must be paid jointly by the  
15 senate and the house of representatives. Committee expenditures are  
16 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
17 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
18 successor committees.

19           (6) This section expires July 1, 2019.

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