

SHB 1728 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.14.160 and 2020 c 346 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The total cost of insulin work group is established. The work  
6 group membership must consist of the insurance commissioner or  
7 designee and the following members appointed by the governor:

8 (a) A representative from the prescription drug purchasing  
9 consortium described in RCW 70.14.060;

10 (b) A representative from the pharmacy quality assurance  
11 commission;

12 (c) A representative from an association representing independent  
13 pharmacies;

14 ~~((A representative from an association representing chain  
15 pharmacies;~~

16 ~~(e) A representative from each health carrier offering at least  
17 one health plan in a commercial market in the state;~~

18 ~~(f) A representative from each health carrier offering at least  
19 one health plan to state or public school employees in the state;~~

20 ~~(g)) A representative from an association representing health  
21 carriers;~~

22 ~~((h))~~ (e) A representative from the public employees' benefits  
23 board or the school employees' benefits board;

24 ~~((i))~~ (f) A representative from the health care authority;

25 ~~((j))~~ (g) A representative from ~~((a))~~ an association  
26 representing pharmacy benefit ~~((manager that contracts with state  
27 purchasers))~~ managers;

28 ~~((k))~~ (h) A representative from a drug distributor or  
29 wholesaler that distributes or sells insulin in the state;

30 ~~((l))~~ (i) A representative from a state agency that purchases  
31 health care services and drugs for a selected population;

1       ~~((m))~~ (j) A representative from the attorney general's office  
2 with expertise in prescription drug purchasing; ~~((and))~~

3       ~~((n))~~ (k) A representative from an organization representing  
4 diabetes patients who is living with diabetes; and

5       (1) Four members of the public living with diabetes.

6       (2) The work group must review and design strategies to  
7 ~~((reduce))~~:

8       (a) Reduce the cost of and total expenditures on insulin in this  
9 state. Strategies the work group must consider include, but are not  
10 limited to, a state agency becoming a licensed drug wholesaler, a  
11 state agency becoming a registered pharmacy benefit manager, and a  
12 state agency purchasing prescription drugs on behalf of the state  
13 directly from other states or in coordination with other states; and

14       (b) Provide a once yearly 30-day supply of insulin to individuals  
15 on an emergency basis. The strategies identified by the work group  
16 shall include recommendations on eligibility criteria, patient  
17 access, program monitoring, and pharmacy reimbursement, if  
18 applicable.

19       (3) Staff support for the work group shall be provided by the  
20 health care authority.

21       (4) By December 1, ~~((2020))~~ 2022, the work group must submit a  
22 preliminary report detailing strategies to reduce the cost of and  
23 total expenditures on insulin for patients, health carriers, payers,  
24 and the state. The work group must submit a final report by July 1,  
25 ~~((2021))~~ 2023, to the governor and the legislature. The final report  
26 must include any statutory changes necessary to implement the  
27 strategies.

28       (5) This section expires December 1, ~~((2022))~~ 2024.

29       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If specific funding for the purposes of  
30 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
31 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
32 act is null and void."

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1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "group;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 70.14.160; creating a  
3 new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: In addition to existing work, requires the total cost of insulin work group to design strategies to provide a once yearly 30-day supply of insulin to individuals on an emergency basis.

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