

1 2470-S.E AMS WEST S4177.1

2 **ESHB 2470** - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-4066.3/92)

3 By Senators West, Patterson and Wojahn

4 ADOPTED 2/16/92

5 On page 64, after line 12 of the committee amendment, insert the  
6 following:

7 "(9) \$65,263 of the accident fund appropriation and \$65,262 of the  
8 medical aid fund appropriation are provided solely to conduct a study  
9 investigating the problems and causes associated with assaults on state  
10 employees at eastern and western state hospitals. The study will  
11 include, but not be limited to, the possible ameliorative actions of  
12 increased staffing levels, increased employee training, and physical  
13 plant improvements. In the study, the department shall consult with  
14 state employees and their representatives, department of social and  
15 health services and hospital management, advocates for the mentally  
16 ill, patients or former patients of the state mental hospitals, persons  
17 with demonstrated expertise in managing assaultive and self destructive  
18 behavior, and others with an interest in this issue. The department  
19 shall report back to the appropriate committees of the legislature  
20 regarding its findings and recommendations by December 31, 1993."