

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6516**

Chapter 7, Laws of 1994

53rd Legislature  
1994 Regular Session

WARREN FEATHERSTONE REID AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/9/94

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1994  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD  
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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 1, 1994  
YEAS 70 NAYS 27

BRIAN EBERSOLE  
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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 17, 1994

MIKE LOWRY  
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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6516** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN  
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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By Senators West, Talmadge, Moyer, Snyder and Anderson**

Read first time 01/26/94. Referred to Committee on Health & Human Services.

1            AN ACT Relating to the award for excellence in health care; and  
2 creating new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the critical  
5 importance of ensuring that all Washington residents have access to  
6 quality and affordable health care. The legislature further recognizes  
7 that substantial improvements can be made in health care delivery when  
8 providers, including health care facilities, are encouraged to  
9 continuously strive for excellence in quality management practices,  
10 value, and consumer satisfaction. The legislature finds that when  
11 centers of quality are highlighted and honored publicly they become  
12 examples for other health care providers to emulate, thereby further  
13 promoting the implementation of improved health care delivery  
14 processes.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** There is created an award to honor and  
16 recognize cost-effective and quality health care services. This award  
17 shall be known as the "Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in  
18 Health Care."

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The governor, in conjunction with the  
2 secretary of health, shall identify and honor health care providers and  
3 facilities in Washington state who exhibit exceptional quality and  
4 value in the delivery of health services.    The award shall be given  
5 annually consistent with the availability of qualified nominees.    The  
6 secretary may appoint an advisory committee to assist in the selection  
7 of nominees, if necessary.

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