

ANALYSIS OF HOUSE BILL 1256

Allowing the secretary of health to accept grants, services, and property to promote women's health.

SPONSORS: Representative Eddy and Skinner.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Health (DOH) is granted general statutory authority under RCW 43.70.040(7) to accept gifts, grants, and other funds. The DOH has been advised by legal counsel that its general grant of authority in light of the construction courts have given other similar statutes governing the agencies does not clearly grant the DOH clear authority to pursue or solicit funds from non-governmental sources.

The proponents of this measure are seeking private funding to promote women's health through the auspices of the DOH.

SUMMARY: The DOH is authorized to accept grants, services, and property from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities to promote women's health.