

1637-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Edmonds, Skinner, O'Brien, McMorris, Conway, Kenney, Campbell, Kagi, Pflug, Kirby, Pennington, Cody, Ruderman, Schoesler, Lovick, Jackley, Schual-Berke, Anderson, Keiser, Schindler, Romero, Casada, Rockefeller, Miloscia, Morell, Mulliken, Santos, Van Luven and Hurst)

Brief Description: Enhancing the wages and benefits of long-term care paraprofessional workers providing care to the elderly and disabled.

**HB 1637-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that long-term care providers in the state of Washington are reporting unprecedented labor vacancies, particularly for those paraprofessionals who provide direct hands-on care to some of the most medically vulnerable citizens of our state.

Declares an intent of this act to increase the stability of long-term care paraprofessional employment by supporting enhanced wages and benefits for those long-term care paraprofessional workers who provide direct hands-on care for state-funded clients in nursing homes, boarding homes, adult family homes, community residential settings for the developmentally disabled or mentally ill, or clients' own homes.