

5652-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Winsley, Thibaudeau, Deccio, B. Sheldon, Prentice, Fraser, Kohl-Welles and Fairley)

Brief Description: Improving the quality of in-home long-term care services provided by state funded individual providers.

SB 5652-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that an integrated long-term care system provided through a continuum of care is the most effective means of providing quality long-term care services to the residents of Washington state. The services provided should be based upon consumer choice and care needs, within available resources with consumers moving through the continuum as their needs change.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to study the experience of at least two states that have established arrangements that enable individual providers of home care services to collectively bargain the terms of their employment.

Requires the institute to report its findings to the fiscal, health care, and labor and commerce committees of the legislature by November 15, 2001.