

2SHB 2536 - H AMD 1042

By Representative Hinkle

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

4 (1) Since 2005 there have been at least fifteen studies, task
5 forces, work groups, or joint select committees created by the
6 legislature or directed to be conducted by the governor or the office
7 of the insurance commissioner related to the cost, quality, and access
8 to health care in this state. The following studies, task forces, work
9 groups, and other entities have been completed to date and include but
10 are not limited to: The blue ribbon commission on health care costs
11 and access; health planning development task force; joint task force on
12 long-term care financing and chronic care management; report on
13 covering low-wage workers of large employers; report on key
14 contributors to health care administrative costs; Washington state PEBB
15 and health savings accounts study; report on emergency room trends for
16 the public enrollees and the uninsured; and evaluation of a
17 state-supported reinsurance program for individual and small group
18 markets.

19 (2) Despite all these studies, work groups, reports, and related
20 activities, the cost of health care has continued to increase at a
21 disproportionately high rate for the citizens of Washington state.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington citizens' work group on
23 health care is established.

24 (1) By July 1, 2008, a panel of legislators consisting of one
25 member from each caucus of the house and senate shall appoint nine
26 citizen members who may include, but are not limited to,
27 representatives from business, labor, health care providers and
28 consumer groups, and persons with expertise in health care financing
29 and health care ethics. The work group shall review all reports and

1 recommendations that have been completed as required by the legislature
2 or directed to be conducted by the governor or the office of the
3 insurance commissioner related to the cost, quality, and access to
4 health care in this state.

5 (2) By December 1, 2008, the work group shall report to the
6 appropriate committees of the legislature the following information:

7 (a) A summary of the recommendations and outcomes from completed
8 reports that have been implemented, including costs of implementing the
9 recommendations and cost savings to date for both the state and private
10 citizens;

11 (b) Recommendations and results of studies that have had an
12 independent analysis completed that show a cost savings to the state
13 and private citizens, but have not been implemented.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The office of financial management shall
15 provide the work group with the following:

16 (1) A detailed accounting of the cost of conducting each study,
17 task force, work group, and related entities that has been created by
18 the legislature or directed to be conducted by the governor or the
19 office of the insurance commissioner related to the cost, quality, and
20 access to health care in this state since January 1, 2005;

21 (2) Any and all information requested by the work group in order
22 for the work group to complete the report required in section 2(2) of
23 this act."

24 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the provisions of the bill and provides for a work group to study and report on all the reports, task forces, joint select committees, and related studies that have been conducted at the request of the Legislature, Governor, and Insurance Commissioner since January 1, 2005. The work group will provide a detailed accounting of the cost of conducting each study, task force, work group, and related entities that has been created by the legislature or directed to be conducted by the Governor or the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

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