

**SHB 1732 - H AMD 774**

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**SCOPE AND OBJECT 01/19/2022**

1 On page 12, after line 14, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 50B.04  
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) By October 1, 2022, the employment security department shall  
5 send educational materials to the primary residence of each employee  
6 in Washington regarding the program.

7 (2) The educational materials must contain comprehensive  
8 information about the program to allow employees to make informed  
9 financial planning decisions and understand how the program may impact  
10 their current and future financial planning. At a minimum, the  
11 educational materials must include:

12 (a) A summary of the history of the program and the need for  
13 delaying its implementation, including information related to relevant  
14 bills, tax advisory votes, proposed constitutional amendments, voting  
15 records, and election results, by county;

16 (b) A benefit guide regarding the costs and benefits to consumers,  
17 including an explanation of how the premium is collected, the rate of  
18 the premium, the number of years that an employee must work to become  
19 a qualified individual, the number of hours that an employee must work  
20 each year for a year to qualify, the criteria for becoming an eligible  
21 beneficiary, the approved services that benefit units may purchase,  
22 the approximate value of approved services expressed as benefit units,  
23 and available exemptions. The benefit guide must include illustrative  
24 examples that are useful to employees of diverse incomes;

25 (c) Information about the operation of the program, including  
26 agency and commission responsibilities and contact information,

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1 procedures for accessing benefits, and procedures for disputing  
2 program decisions;

3 (d) Information about the financial operations of the program,  
4 including information about the financial projections for the program,  
5 anticipated program solvency, expected need for increases in premiums,  
6 over time, and expected need for reductions in benefit units, over  
7 time; and

8 (e) Information for consumers about supplementing program coverage  
9 with additional private sector long-term care insurance options that  
10 provide additional benefits, such as higher monetary benefits and the  
11 ability to use benefits in states other than Washington; and

12 (f) Information about opportunities for public involvement in  
13 ongoing monitoring and input with respect to program policy and  
14 program financial stability.

15 (3) The educational materials must be printed in clear, readable  
16 type of a size, quality, and weight of paper that best serves the  
17 employee as a reference guide to understanding the program."

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19 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any  
20 internal references accordingly.

21 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Directs the Employment Security Department to send educational materials to each employee in Washington by October 1, 2022, about the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program (Trust Program). The materials must contain comprehensive information about the Trust Program to allow employees to make financial planning decisions and to understand the impacts of the Trust Program. The materials must include an explanation of the history of the Trust Program and the need for an implementation delay, a benefit guide regarding the costs and benefits to consumers, information about the operation of the Trust Program, information about the financial operations of the Trust Program, and information about opportunities for public involvement in monitoring the Trust Program.

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