

SSB 5998 - S AMD 757
By Senator Hansen

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1 On page 355, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "(22) \$169,812,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
3 fiscal year 2026, \$181,266,000 of the general fund—state
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2027, \$4,000,000 of the education
5 legacy trust—state appropriation, and \$14,277,000 of the general fund
6 —federal appropriation are provided solely for the early support for
7 infants and toddlers program to provide early intervention services
8 to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years
9 of age, as established by RCW 43.216.580. The department shall
10 reimburse providers in accordance with state and federal
11 requirements, including part C of the federal individuals with
12 disabilities education act and Title XIX of the federal social
13 security act. By December 1, 2026, the department, in collaboration
14 with the health care authority, shall report to the legislature the
15 following information, delineated by early intervention service
16 provider:

17 (a) An unduplicated count of children served;

18 (b) Total state funding reimbursed including, but not limited to,
19 the state share of any payments under Title XIX or XXI of the social
20 security act;

21 (c) Total federal funding reimbursed including, but not limited
22 to, any public insurance;

23 (d) Other funding expended for qualifying services, which may
24 include private insurance, fees, family contributions, grants,
25 philanthropy, or other fund sources that are available; and

26 (e) An assessment of whether service providers are fully
27 leveraging federal and other nonstate funding for qualifying
28 services, including billing applicable funding sources such as public
29 and private insurance and family fees such as copayments and
30 deductibles prior to using state and federal funds for early
31 intervention services, as required by WAC 110-400-0140."

EFFECT: Provisos funding that is appropriated for the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program. Requires provider reimbursement to be in compliance with state and federal law. Requires a report by December 1, 2026, to include service and expenditure information and an assessment of whether providers are fully leveraging nonstate reimbursement.

FISCAL EFFECT: No fiscal impact.

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