
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2330

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Backlund, Hymes, Dyer, Goldsmith, Crouse, Thompson, Sherstad, D. Sommers, McMahan, D. Schmidt, L. Thomas, Hargrove and McMorris)

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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the benefit waiting period for
2 preexisting conditions; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** To the extent that funds are made available
5 for this purpose, the Washington health care policy board, created by
6 chapter 43.73 RCW, shall study current health insurance code
7 requirements for guaranteed issue of health plans and limitations on
8 the use of preexisting condition exclusions and shall make
9 recommendations, as necessary, regarding legislation that would reduce
10 adverse selection and similar insurance market problems without
11 significantly limiting consumer access to health plans. Consideration
12 should be given to longer preexisting condition waiting periods, open
13 enrollment periods, and limits on guaranteed issue when consumers
14 voluntarily terminate health plan coverage. The board shall submit its
15 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
16 December 15, 1996.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
18 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 1996, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void.

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