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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1538**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Bailey, Linville, Hinkle, Alexander, Haler, Strow, Rodne, Warnick, Morrell, Green and Ericksen)

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1       AN ACT Relating to an independent study of health benefit  
2 requirements; and creating a new section.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the insurance commissioner  
5 shall contract for an independent study of health benefit mandates,  
6 rating requirements, and insurance statutes and rules to determine the  
7 impact on premiums and individuals' health if those statutes or rules  
8 were amended or repealed.

9       (2) The office of the insurance commissioner shall submit an  
10 interim report to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
11 legislature by December 1, 2007, and a final report by December 1,  
12 2008.

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