

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2811

*As Reported By House Committee on:
Appropriations*

Title: An act relating to the reimbursement of facilities specifically authorized to meet the needs of persons living with AIDS.

Brief Description: Exempting excess nursing supplies cost from the reimbursement of the pilot facility for persons living with AIDS.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Braddock, Locke, H. Sommers, Wang, Prentice, Moyer, Schmidt, Paris, Wineberry and Anderson.

Brief History:

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Appropriations, February 4, 1992, DP.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 28 members: Representatives Locke, Chair; Inslee, Vice Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Morton, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Belcher; Bowman; Braddock; Brekke; Carlson; Dorn; Ferguson; Fuhrman; Hine; Lisk; Mielke; Nealey; Peery; Pruitt; Rust; D. Sommers; H. Sommers; Sprenkle; Valle; Vance; Wang; and Wineberry.

Staff: John Woolley (786-7154).

Background: The state's nursing home reimbursement rate is set in statute--limits are placed on costs which can be reimbursed. One such limit is placed on the Operations and Administration (A&O) Cost Center; this limit is referred to as the "85th percentile lid," meaning that any home's total A&O cost is limited to the cost of homes at the 85th percentile of all nursing homes. An inflation factor is applied to this lid.

Summary of Bill: The bill would exempt a specific pilot facility, developed to meet the needs of persons with AIDS, from the "85th percentile" cost lid specifically for the costs associated with nursing supplies.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The bill is required to allow for the increased costs related to caring for AIDS patients in a skilled nursing facility; however, even with these increased costs, the state is saving money by providing care outside of a hospital setting. This is a cost effective model.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: (In favor): Betsey Lieberman, AIDS Housing of Washington; and Melissa Prindle, NW AIDS Foundation.