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Sponsor(s): Senators L. Smith, Bauer, Johnson, Murray, von Reichbauer, Snyder, Metcalf, Conner, Thorsness, Vognild, Sutherland, Jesernig, M. Kreidler and Pelz

Brief Description: Modifying the chiropractic practice act.

**SB 6054.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Specifies the permissible scope of health care practice deemed to be chiropractic in nature.

Authorizes health care purchasers to set service and fee limitations on chiropractic costs.

Provides for pilot projects to contract with organizations of chiropractors for a prepaid capitated amount.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6054

April 3, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate  
of the State of Washington  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 5, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6054 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to Chiropractic."

Section 5 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6054 implements this bill immediately. The language in the bill is ambiguous concerning the ability of chiropractors to treat problems originating in the extremities. The proponents of the bill assure me that the expansion in the scope of practice does not include disorders that originate in the extremities. I have asked the Chiropractic Disciplinary Board to clarify this issue in rule.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 5 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6054.

With the exception of section 5, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 6054 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Booth Gardner  
Governor