

2 **E2SSB 5304** - H AMD TO REV COMM AMD (H-2235.7/93) **000366 ADOPTED 4-8-93**  
3 By Representatives Campbell and others

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5 Beginning on page 167, line 1 of the amendment, strike all of  
6 sections 474 and 475 and insert the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 474.** WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL BENEFITS.  
8 On or before December 1, 1994, the health services commission, in  
9 coordination with the department of labor and industries and the  
10 workers' compensation advisory committee, shall complete a study  
11 related to the medical services component of the workers' compensation  
12 program of the department of labor and industries. The goal of the  
13 study is to determine whether and how the medical services component of  
14 the workers' compensation program can be modified to provide  
15 appropriate medical services to injured workers in a more cost-  
16 effective manner. In conducting the study, consideration shall be  
17 given to at least the following factors: Workers' choice of health  
18 care providers, twenty-four hour coverage, the relationship between  
19 rehabilitation and medical services, and the quasi-judicial system that  
20 overlays treatment. The study shall evaluate at least the following  
21 options:

22 (1) Whether the medical services component of the workers'  
23 compensation program should be maintained within the department of  
24 labor and industries, and its purchasing and other practices modified  
25 to control costs and increase efficacy of health services provided to  
26 injured workers;

27 (2) Whether the medical services component of the workers'  
28 compensation program should be administered by the health care  
29 authority as the state health services purchasing agent, pursuant to  
30 section 225 of this act. Any recommendation proposing that the state  
31 health services agent purchase injured workers' medical services shall  
32 assure that the uniform benefits package will provide benefits that are  
33 medically necessary under the workers' compensation program in 1993,  
34 including payment for medical determinations of disability under Title  
35 51 RCW, and consider issues presented by twenty-four hour coverage and  
36 the use of managed care to provide medical services to injured workers;

1 (3) Whether the medical services component of the workers'  
2 compensation program should be included in the services offered by  
3 certified health plans through employer sponsorship as provided in  
4 chapter . . . , Laws of 1993 (this act). Any recommendation proposing  
5 the inclusion of workers' compensation medical services in the services  
6 offered by certified health plans shall assure that (a) no less than  
7 ninety-seven percent of state residents have access to the uniform  
8 benefits package as required in chapter . . . , Laws of 1993 (this act),  
9 (b) the uniform benefits package provides benefits that are medically  
10 necessary under the workers' compensation program in 1993, including  
11 payment for medical determinations of disability under Title 51 RCW,  
12 (c) time-loss benefits and rehabilitative services will not be reduced  
13 as a result of the transfer, and (d) the employees' share of the  
14 workers' compensation medical aid fund contribution will be returned to  
15 employees as increased wages."

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
17 references accordingly.

18 EFFECT: Modifies workers' compensation section to include medical  
19 and program in the uniform benefits package. Inserts related studies.

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