

1 **SB 6516** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 3-1-94**

2 By Committee on Health Care

3 On page 1, strike everything after the enacting clause and
4 insert

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the
6 critical importance of ensuring that all Washington residents have
7 access to quality and affordable health care. The legislature
8 further recognizes that substantial improvements can be made in
9 health care delivery when providers, including health care
10 facilities, are encouraged to continuously strive for excellence in
11 quality management practices, value, and consumer satisfaction.
12 The legislature finds that when centers of quality are highlighted
13 and honored publicly they become examples for other health care
14 providers to emulate, thereby further promoting the implementation
15 of improved health care delivery processes.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is created an award to honor and
17 recognize cost-effective and quality health care services. This
18 award shall be known as the "Warren Featherstone Reid Award for
19 Excellence in Health Care."

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The governor, in conjunction with the
21 secretary of health, shall identify and honor health care providers
22 and facilities in Washington state who exhibit exceptional quality
23 and value in the delivery of health services. The award shall be
24 given annually consistent with the availability of qualified
25 nominees. The secretary may appoint an advisory committee to
26 assist in the selection of nominees, if necessary.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The department of health shall:
2 develop the application and approval process for the award,
3 including deadlines for application submission; review applications
4 against criteria; and make recommendations to the governor for
5 final selection of award recipients. The department is encouraged
6 to use existing boards, committees, and professional associations
7 to disseminate award information.

8 (2) Criteria for judging award applications shall be based
9 upon consumer satisfaction, quality assurance, cost-effective
10 service delivery, creative and innovative delivery practices,
11 leadership, and other factors deemed appropriate.

12 (3) All health care providers and facilities that provide
13 health services in Washington state are eligible to receive the
14 award.

15 (4) This act shall be implemented consistent with the
16 availability of funds. The department is directed to seek, and
17 authorized to accept, grants and gifts necessary for this purpose.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
19 each added to chapter 43.06 RCW."