

2 **SSB 6120** - S AMD - 088

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4 Hochstatter, Finkbeiner, West, Anderson, Long, Deccio,
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8 On page 9, line 25, after "implement" insert "sections 1 through 6
9 of"

10 On page 9, after line 27, insert the following:

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The legislature finds that residents of
12 Washington require a system of maternity care that provides adequate
13 prenatal and postnatal services to maintain and improve the health of
14 women and their newborns. The changing health care market challenges
15 the ability of providers to ensure a system of such care. The health
16 care policy board has the authority to research, investigate, and
17 develop options on issues on the scope, financing, and delivery of
18 health care and has agreed to take on this task if requested by the
19 legislature.

20 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.73.030 and 1995 c 265 s 11 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The board shall have the following powers and duties:

23 (1) Periodically make recommendations to the appropriate committees
24 of the legislature and the governor on issues including, but not
25 limited to the following:

26 (a) The scope, financing, and delivery of health care benefit plans
27 including access for both the insured and uninsured population;

28 (b) Long-term care services including the finance and delivery of
29 such services in conjunction with the basic health plan by 1999;

30 (c) The use of health care savings accounts including their impact
31 on the health of participants and the cost of health insurance;

32 (d) Rural health care needs;

33 (e) Whether Washington is experiencing an increase in immigration
34 as a result of health insurance reforms and the availability of
35 subsidized and unsubsidized health care benefits;

1 (f) The status of medical education and make recommendations
2 regarding steps possible to encourage adequate availability of health
3 care professionals to meet the needs of the state's populations with
4 particular attention to rural areas;

5 (g) The implementation of community rating and its impacts on the
6 marketplace including costs and access;

7 (h) The status of quality improvement programs in both the public
8 and private sectors;

9 (i) Models for billing and claims processing forms, ensuring that
10 these procedures minimize administrative burdens on health care
11 providers, facilities, carriers, and consumers. These standards shall
12 also apply to state-purchased health services where appropriate;

13 (j) Guidelines to health carriers for utilization management and
14 review, provider selection and termination policies, and coordination
15 of benefits and premiums; and

16 (k) Study the feasibility of including long-term care services in
17 a medicare supplemental insurance policy offered according to RCW
18 41.05.197;

19 (2) Review rules prepared by the insurance commissioner, health
20 care authority, department of social and health services, department of
21 labor and industries, and department of health, and make
22 recommendations where appropriate to facilitate consistency with the
23 goals of health reform;

24 (3) Make recommendations on a system for managing health care
25 services to children with special needs and report to the governor and
26 the legislature on their findings by January 1, 1997;

27 (4) Conduct a comparative analysis of individual and group
28 insurance markets addressing: Relative costs; utilization rates;
29 adverse selection; and specific impacts upon small businesses and
30 individuals. The analysis shall address, also, the necessity and
31 feasibility of establishing explicit related policies, to include, but
32 not be limited to, establishing the maximum allowable individual
33 premium rate as a percentage of the small group premium rate. The
34 board shall submit an interim report on its findings to the governor
35 and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 15, 1995, and
36 a final report on December 15, 1996;

37 (5) Conduct an analysis of the financing and delivery of maternity
38 care included in public and private individual and group insurance
39 markets and address and develop options for a system of maternity care

1 that includes, but is not limited to, appropriate level of prenatal,
2 inpatient, and outpatient care, physical assessment of the newborn, the
3 performance of any medically necessary and appropriate clinical tests,
4 parent education, lactation and bottle feeding education, and
5 assistance and assessment of home support;

6 (6) Develop sample enrollee satisfaction surveys that may be used
7 by health carriers."

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14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "child;" insert "amending RCW
15 43.73.030;"

16 EFFECT: Adds a new section of legislative intent regarding
17 Washington's maternity care system and states the agreement of the
18 Health Policy Board to conduct research and analysis of that system.

19 EFFECT: Adds an analysis of Washington's maternity care system to
20 the powers and duties of the Health Policy Board.

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