

1 **2SSB 5127** - H AMD to FIN COMM AMD (H3150.1)**527 WITHDRAWN 4-11-97**

2 By Representative Mulliken

3 On page 5, beginning on line 10, strike sections 7 and 8, and  
4 insert:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The committees on finance and health  
6 care of the house of representatives shall conduct a joint interim  
7 study on trauma care funding.

8 (1) The study shall:

9 (a) Review how health care providers and facilities determine  
10 which patients are classified as trauma care patients;

11 (b) Examine actual trauma care records for fiscal year 1997 to  
12 determine how the four million six hundred thousand dollars  
13 appropriated from the state's general fund for trauma care was  
14 spent and whether the appropriation was sufficient to reimburse all  
15 eligible trauma centers for treating medically indigent persons who  
16 had a trauma index severity score of 16 or higher;

17 (c) Determine if reimbursement at the Medicaid rate covers, on  
18 average, a trauma center's actual costs for treating a medically  
19 indigent person. If reimbursement at the Medicaid rate does not  
20 cover actual costs, then the study shall determine by how much the  
21 reimbursement at the Medicaid rate fails to cover actual costs;

22 (d) Review grants, contributions, and other income received by  
23 trauma center facilities which are not fee-for-service revenues.

24 (e) Compare and contrast financial statements for health care  
25 facilities providing trauma care to determine if the overall  
26 financial condition of such facilities has worsened, improved, or  
27 held constant over the last five years; and

28 (f) Analyze any other information which assists the committees  
29 to better understand the amount of funding needed for trauma care.

30 (2) The office of program research shall provide staff support  
31 for the study. The department of health and the emergency medical  
32 services and trauma care steering committee shall provide  
33 information and technical support as needed."

1           Renumber sections consecutively, correct any internal  
2 references accordingly, and correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Replaces the study by the health department with a study by the house finance and health care committees.