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Sponsor(s): Representatives Cody, H. Sommers, Conway, Wood, Blalock, Fisher and Murray; by request of Governor Locke

Brief Title: Establishing an office of health policy.

**HB 2253 - DIGEST**

Provides that the governor shall establish an office of health policy by July 1, 1997. The office is to develop coordinated and cost-effective methods of purchasing health care for state government and to provide policy analysis and recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on methods to improve the state health care system.

Declares that the health care policy board is hereby abolished and its powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the office of health policy.

Repeals RCW 43.73.010, 43.73.020, and 43.73.040.