

2 **HB 1194** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

4 ADOPTED 4/15/99

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. 1998 c 92 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature recognizes the need to involve the boarding
9 home industry, the consumers of assisted living and retirement
10 services, the long-term care ombudsman, and state regulatory agencies
11 in the collaborative process of developing standards and procedures for
12 accreditation of licensed boarding homes. As participants, consumers
13 can help develop standards that more closely address their needs and
14 make the accreditation of boarding home providers more meaningful to
15 them when choosing among competitors. Providers can maintain
16 flexibility in the marketplace and more quickly recognize and respond
17 to the changing needs of its client base. Regulatory agencies can save
18 money and remain assured that performance standards are high. For
19 these reasons, the legislature finds that it is in the best interests
20 of the boarding home industry, boarding home consumers, and state
21 regulatory agencies to support an industry-funded pilot program (~~prior~~
22 ~~to changing or developing new standards for boarding home regulation~~)).

23 (2) A coalition of assisted living providers represented by state-
24 wide assisted living professional trade associations, the long-term
25 care ombudsman, state regulatory agencies, and consumer groups
26 representing, but not limited to, the assisted living clientele such as
27 the senior lobby, the American association of retired persons, and the
28 alzheimer's association shall develop a plan for implementing a pilot
29 program for the third-party accreditation of boarding homes licensed
30 under RCW 18.20.020. The assisted living third-party accreditation
31 pilot project coalition shall remain active until December 12, 2001.
32 The pilot plan must be funded by the northwest assisted living
33 ((federation of America)) facilities association. Funds for conducting
34 this plan may also be received from other individuals and organizations
35 in accordance with state law and upon the approval of the northwest
36 assisted living facilities association. The plan shall review the

1 overall feasibility of implementation, cost or savings to the
2 regulating agency, impact on client health, safety, quality of care,
3 quality of life, and financial and other impacts to the boarding home
4 industry. ((The)) pilot third-party boarding home accreditation
5 ((plan)) progress reports shall be presented to the appropriate
6 committees of the house of representatives and the senate by January 4,
7 1999 and by January 4, 2000. The final pilot third-party boarding home
8 accreditation plan shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of
9 the house of representatives and the senate no later than December 12,
10 2001."

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14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "homes;" strike the remainder
15 of the title and insert "and amending 1998 c 92 s 1 (uncodified)."

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