

1 **ESSB 6153** - H AMD TO H AMD(H-2783.1/01) **319 FAILED 6/15/01**

2 By Representative \_\_\_\_

3 On page 67, line 14, increase the health services account  
4 appropriation by \$60,000,000

5 Correct the total accordingly.

6 On page 68, after line 40, insert the following:

7 (5) \$30,000,000 of the health services account appropriation for fiscal year 2002,  
8 and \$30,000,000 of the health services account appropriation for fiscal year 2003 are  
9 provided solely for the health care authority to operate a prescription assistance  
10 program. The authority shall provide financial assistance to individuals sixty-five or older  
11 and older with a household income above the eligibility standard for Medicaid categorically  
12 needy coverage and below two hundred and fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines  
13 and whose prescription medication costs exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per month.  
14 The administrator shall determine an appropriate standard benefit for recipients and if the  
15 administrator determines that the funds appropriated for the program are not sufficient to  
16 serve all individuals who qualify for assistance the administrator must take steps necessary  
17 to limit program expenditures to an amount equal to appropriated funds. Funding for this  
18 program shall be financed from the receipt of newly identified federal pro share money. -

**EFFECT:** Creates a prescription assistance program for low-income seniors with high prescription costs funding from monies received from the receipt of newly identified federal pro share program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increases Other Funds by \$60,000,000.