

1 **ESSB 6153 - H AMD 296 WITHDRAWN 6/15/01**

2 By Representative ____

3 On page 67, after line 2, insert the following:

4 (5) \$30,000,000 of the health services account appropriation for
5 fiscal year 2002, and \$30,000,000 of the health services account
6 appropriation for fiscal year 2003 are provided solely for the health
7 care authority to operate a prescription medication assistance program.
8 The authority shall provide financial assistance to individuals sixty-
9 five years old and older with a household income above the eligibility
10 standard for medicaid categorically needy coverage and below two
11 hundred and fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines and whose
12 prescription medication costs exceed two hundred and fifty dollars per
13 month. The administrator shall determine an appropriate standard
14 benefit for recipients and if the administrator determines that the
15 funds appropriated for the program are not sufficient to serve all
16 individuals who qualify for assistance, the administrator must take
17 steps necessary to limit program expenditures to an amount equal to
18 appropriated funds. Funding for this program shall be financed from the
19 receipt of tobacco settlement money.-

EFFECT: Creates a prescription assistance programs for low-income
seniors with high prescription costs.