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By Senators Eide, Brown, West, Parlette, Thibaudeau, Patterson,
Fairley and Kohl-Welles

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Long-Term Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to administration of a multiple sclerosis
2 survey; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Statistics suggest Washington state has
5 one of the highest populations of persons suffering from multiple
6 sclerosis. The causes of multiple sclerosis are at present
7 nonspecific; however notable research is being conducted in the
8 department of rehabilitation medicine at the University of
9 Washington under the direction of Dr. George Kraft. State support
10 of multiple sclerosis research is in the best interest of the
11 citizens of the state of Washington, furthering public health,
12 safety, and welfare.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The University of Washington, under the
14 direction of Dr. George Kraft, shall administer a survey of
15 Washington state citizens suffering from multiple sclerosis, that
16 is designed to assess possible causal factors, needs, and

1 functional characteristics of the disease. Priority shall be on
2 statistically significant populations in eastern Washington.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
5 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
6 ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the University of
7 Washington for purposes of administering the survey under section
8 2 of this act.

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