

HB 1777 - H AMD 754

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the voters
4 of Washington state expressed their strong support for home-based long-
5 term care services through their overwhelming approval of Initiative
6 Measure No. 775 in 2001. With passage of the initiative, the state has
7 been directed to increase the quality of state-funded long-term care
8 services provided to elderly and disabled persons in their own homes
9 through recruitment and training of in-home individual providers,
10 referral of qualified individual providers to seniors and persons with
11 disabilities seeking a provider, and stabilization of the individual
12 provider work force. The legislature further finds that the quality of
13 care our elders and people with disabilities receive is highly
14 dependent upon the quality and stability of the individual provider
15 work force, and that the demand for the services of these providers
16 will increase as our population ages.

17 (2) The legislature intends to stabilize the state-funded
18 individual provider work force by providing funding to implement the
19 collective bargaining agreement between the home care quality authority
20 and the exclusive bargaining representative of individual providers.
21 The agreement reflects the value and importance of the work done by
22 individual providers to support the needs of elders and people with
23 disabilities in Washington state.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of seven million one hundred twenty-
25 nine thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
26 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
27 fund--state, and the sum of six million nine hundred eighteen thousand
28 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
29 the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund--federal to

1 the department of social and health services solely to increase the
2 wages of state-funded individual providers from the current hourly rate
3 of eight dollars and forty-three cents per hour to eight dollars and
4 ninety-three cents per hour beginning October 1, 2004.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of ten million six hundred four
6 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
7 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
8 fund--state, and the sum of ten million two hundred ninety-four
9 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
10 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general
11 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely to
12 provide contributions of up to four hundred dollars per month for each
13 eligible state-funded individual provider for health insurance coverage
14 pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between
15 the home care quality authority and the exclusive bargaining
16 representative of individual providers.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five million seven hundred
18 thirteen thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
19 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
20 fund--state, and the sum of five million five hundred forty-three
21 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
22 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general
23 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely to
24 provide workers' compensation benefits to state-funded individual
25 providers beginning October 1, 2004, through a third-party
26 administrator under contract with the home care quality authority.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one million three hundred twenty-
28 four thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
29 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, from the general
30 fund--state, and the sum of one million two hundred eighty-four
31 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
32 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2005, from the general
33 fund--federal to the department of social and health services solely
34 for costs associated with administrative, labor, and employment

1 relations costs determined by the terms of the collective bargaining
2 agreement between the home care quality authority and the exclusive
3 bargaining representative of individual providers.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The appropriations to the department of
5 social and health services in this act may be transferred among
6 programs within the department or to the home care quality authority to
7 implement the collective bargaining agreement between the home care
8 quality authority and the exclusive bargaining representative of
9 individual providers.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect July 1, 2004."

11 Correct the title.

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