

1 **ESSB 5904** - H AMD TO H APP COMM AMD (H-2731.3) **510 ADPTED 4/14/03**  
2 By Representative Cody

3 On page 5 of the amendment, after line 17, insert the  
4 following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Each of the state's area agencies on aging shall implement a  
8 program intended to inform and train persons sixty-five years of  
9 age and older in the safe and appropriate use of prescription and  
10 nonprescription medications. To further this purpose, the  
11 department shall award a development grant of up to twenty-five  
12 thousand dollars to each of the agencies upon a showing that:

13 (1) The agency has the ability to effectively administer such  
14 a program, including an understanding of the relevant issues and  
15 appropriate outreach and follow-up;

16 (2) The agency can bring resources to the program in addition  
17 to those funded by the grant; and

18 (3) The program will be a collaborative effort between the  
19 agency and other health care programs and providers in the location  
20 to be served, including doctors, pharmacists, and long-term care  
21 providers."

22 Renumber the remaining sections accordingly and correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Establishes an education and training program for the safe use of prescription drugs in each area agency on aging.