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By Representatives Bailey, Cody, Morrell, Clibborn, Schindler, Armstrong, Woods, Schual-Berke, O'Brien, McDonald, Edwards, Wallace, Conway and Kagi

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1 AN ACT Relating to long-term care financing; adding a new section
2 to chapter 74.39A RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that, to the extent
6 possible, citizens should take personal responsibility for themselves
7 as they prepare for their care needs as senior citizens. The
8 legislature intends to encourage citizens to plan ahead for long-term
9 care with financial planning tools designed to protect against this
10 financial risk. The legislature finds that the publically funded
11 safety net should be targeted to those individuals it is intended to
12 serve.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of the department of social
14 and health services shall contract for a long-term care financing study
15 by an independent consulting firm. The study shall review the existing
16 financing mechanisms and incentives for utilizing and purchasing long-
17 term care services in Washington and make recommendations to improve
18 access and quality in all long-term care settings. The department

1 shall present the study's findings and recommendations to the
2 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives no
3 later than October 1, 2005.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department is directed to establish an information and referral
7 process, for people seeking medical assistance for long-term care
8 services who appear to have sufficient assets in the form of a home, to
9 financial institutions that can arrange a home equity conversion
10 mortgage designed by the United States department of housing and urban
11 development and insured by the federal housing administration.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 immediately.

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