

SHB 1219 - H AMD 34

By Representative Alexander

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1 On page 2, line 5, after "January 1," strike "2006" and insert
2 "2007"

3 On page 3, after line 24, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The administrator of the state health
5 care authority shall report to the house of representatives and senate
6 committees on health care, the house of representatives committee on
7 appropriations, and the senate committee on ways and means on the
8 development of the prescription drug purchasing consortium to be
9 established in section 1 of this act. The report shall include, but
10 not be limited to, the following:

11 (a) The prospective design of the consortium, including the
12 criteria through which a preferred drug list will be developed,
13 maintained, and disseminated to participants and the means through
14 which the state will restrict access to nonpreferred drugs within the
15 consortium;

16 (b) Projected participation in the consortium by units of local
17 government, private entities, labor organizations, and individuals;

18 (c) Projected administrative costs of operation of the consortium
19 and estimated enrollment fees and other fees required to support
20 projected administrative costs;

21 (d) Status of efforts to identify joint purchasing opportunities
22 with other states;

23 (e) Estimated savings to the state and to units of local government
24 through projected participation in the consortium;

25 (f) Prospects for circumventing existing private contracts between
26 private health carriers;

27 (g) Enrollment in and estimated savings from the pharmacy
28 connections program established under RCW 70.14.050;

1 (h) A review of and report on efforts of the pharmaceutical and
2 other industry groups to provide prescription drugs at reduced or no
3 cost; and

4 (i) Estimated impacts on private health insurance markets.

5 (2) The report must be submitted by January 1, 2006."

6 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct internal
7 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Participation in the purchasing consortium must be offered as an option beginning January 1, 2007, rather than 2006. The agency must report to the health and fiscal committees of the legislature by January 1, 2006, on the development of the prescription drug purchasing consortium.

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