

SHB 2475 - H AMD 866

By Representative Conway

1 On page 3, beginning on line 18, strike all of subsection (a)
2 and insert the following:

3 " (a) The department's authority to establish a plan of care
4 for each consumer (~~and to determine the hours~~) or its core
5 responsibility to manage long-term in-home care services under this
6 chapter, including determination of the level of care that each
7 consumer is eligible to receive. However, at the request of the
8 exclusive bargaining representative, the governor or the governor's
9 designee appointed under chapter 41.80 RCW shall engage in
10 collective bargaining, as defined in RCW 41.56.030(4), with the
11 exclusive bargaining representative over how the department's core
12 responsibility affects hours of work for individual providers.
13 This subsection shall not be interpreted to require collective
14 bargaining over an individual consumer's plan of care;"

EFFECT: The amendment: (1) reinstates the current law's reference to the Department of Social and Health Services' authority to establish consumer plans of care; and (2) requires negotiations over how the Department's core responsibility to manage long-term in-home care affects hours of work for individual providers (instead of requiring negotiations over implementation of the agency's core responsibilities based on a list of issues, such as whether types of services are considered compensable and the conditions that apply to determine compensation for hours of work).