

**2SHB 2572 - H AMD 727**

By Representative Bailey

**FAILED 2/8/2006**

1 On page 5, after line 21, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The legislature finds and declares  
3 that there has been an ongoing controversy over the costs and  
4 benefits of existing health care coverage statutory requirements  
5 and their effect on health care insurance costs. It is for this  
6 reason that an unbiased, independent actuarial study of existing  
7 health care coverage statutory requirements needs to be conducted.  
8 It is not the intent of the legislature to take any actions in  
9 relation to the findings of the study until they can be reviewed  
10 and analyzed by the legislature, in consultation with the office of  
11 the insurance commissioner, health care providers, health carriers,  
12 and health care purchasers.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The office of the insurance commissioner  
14 shall contract for an actuarial review and analysis of existing  
15 health care coverage statutory requirements. The office of the  
16 insurance commissioner shall:

17 (1) Contract with a qualified independent and impartial entity  
18 that has not taken a public position in the past on the merits or  
19 consequences of the adoption of health care coverage statutory  
20 requirements;

21 (2) Provide that the review of health care coverage statutory  
22 requirements include statutes that:

23 (a) Mandate that health carriers provide benefits for certain  
24 conditions or services;

25 (b) Prohibit discrimination between health care provider  
26 groups who deliver services that are included in a health benefit  
27 plan;

1 (c) Establish requirements as to how a particular service or  
2 benefit must be provided by a health carrier in its health benefit  
3 plans; and

4 (d) Require health carriers to offer certain services as an  
5 option for individuals or groups purchasing a health benefit plan;

6 (3) Include the following analyses in the scope of the  
7 actuarial review:

8 (a) The cost of including the statutory requirements in health  
9 benefit plans, taking into consideration the impact that covering  
10 the statutory requirement has on the utilization of other health  
11 services, expressed as a net premium cost or savings per member per  
12 month; and

13 (b) An assessment of whether market demand has already  
14 resulted in inclusion of current statutory requirements in a  
15 significant number of health benefit plans in states that do not  
16 have such statutory requirements; and

17 (4) Submit an interim report to the governor and appropriate  
18 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005, and a final  
19 report by December 1, 2006."

20 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Adds a study of statutory requirements.