

SSB 5841 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Health Care

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1 On page 2, line 29, after "procedures" strike "and asthma  
2 prevention policies"

3 Beginning on page 3, line 35, strike all of section 3

4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
5 internal references accordingly.

6 On page 4, line 31, after "plans." insert "On January 1, 2007, and  
7 January 1, 2009, the authority shall issue a status report to the  
8 legislature summarizing any results it attains in exploring and  
9 coordinating strategies for asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and other  
10 chronic diseases."

11 On page 5, beginning on line 1, strike all of section 5 and insert  
12 the following:

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The department, in collaboration with its public and private  
16 partners, shall design a state asthma plan, based on clinically sound  
17 criteria including nationally recognized guidelines such as those  
18 established by the national asthma education prevention partnership  
19 expert panel report guidelines for the diagnosis and management of  
20 asthma.

21 (2) The plan shall include recommendations in the following areas:

22 (a) Evidence-based processes for the prevention and management of  
23 asthma;

24 (b) Data systems that support asthma prevalence reporting,  
25 including population disparities and practice variation in the  
26 treatment of asthma;

1 (c) Quality improvement strategies addressing the successful  
2 diagnosis and management of the disease; and

3 (d) Cost estimates and sources of funding for plan implementation.

4 (3) The department shall submit the completed state plan to the  
5 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2005. After the initial  
6 state plan is submitted, the department shall provide progress reports  
7 to the governor and the legislature on a biennial basis beginning  
8 December 1, 2007.

9 (4) The department shall implement the state plan recommendations  
10 made under subsection (2) of this section only to the extent that  
11 federal, state, or private funds, including grants, are available for  
12 that purpose."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that school districts adopt  
asthma prevention policies. Removes provisions directing the Health  
Care Authority to establish an asthma registry, and adds the  
requirement that the Authority report to the Legislature regarding its  
disease and demand management program. Removes the section requiring  
the Department of Health to collect data regarding asthma and replaces  
it with a section requiring the Department of Health to design a state  
asthma plan, and implement the plan to the extent funds are available.

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