

ESSB 6090 - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-3010.5/05)
By Representative Miloscia

1 On page 46, line 7, increase the general fund-state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2006 by \$65,000

3 On page 46, line 8, increase the general fund-state
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2007 by \$65,000

5 On page 46, line 9, increase the general fund-federal
6 appropriation by \$130,000

7 Correct the total

8 On page 50, beginning on line 31, insert the following:

9 "(j) \$65,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
10 fiscal year 2006, \$65,000 of the general fund--state appropriation
11 for fiscal year 2007, and \$130,000 of the general fund--federal
12 appropriation are provided solely for supplemental compensation
13 increases for direct care workers employed by home care agencies in
14 recognition of higher labor market cost pressures experienced by
15 agencies subject to collective bargaining obligations. In order
16 for a specific home care agency to eligible for such increases,
17 home care agencies shall submit the following to the department:

18 (i) Proof of a legally binding, written commitment to increase
19 the compensation of agency home care workers; and

20 (ii) Proof of the existence of a method of enforcement of the
21 commitment, such as arbitration, that is available to the employees
22 or their representative, and proof that such a method is
23 expeditious, uses a neutral decision maker, and is economical for
24 the employees."

25 On page 51, line 27, increase the general fund-state
26 appropriation for fiscal year 2006 by \$435,000

1 On page 51, line 28, increase the general fund-state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2007 by \$435,000

3 On page 51, line 29, increase the general fund-federal
4 appropriation by \$870,000

5 Correct the total.

6 On page 54, beginning on line 36, insert the following:

7 "(14) \$435,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
8 fiscal year 2006, \$435,000 of the general fund--state appropriation
9 for fiscal year 2007, and \$870,000 of the general fund--federal
10 appropriation are provided solely for supplemental compensation
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20 or their representative, and proof that such a method is
21 expeditious, uses a neutral decision maker, and is economical for
22 the employees."

EFFECT: Appropriates an additional \$2 million (total funds) to the Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disabilities and Aging and Adult Services Programs for additional supplemental compensation increases for direct care workers employed by home care agencies in recognition of higher labor market cost pressures experienced by agencies subject to collective bargaining obligations. To be eligible for such increases, home care agencies shall submit proof of a legally binding, written commitment to increase the compensation of agency home care workers and proof of the existence of a method of enforcement of the commitment that is available to the employees or their representative, and proof that such a method is expeditious, uses a neutral decision maker, and is economical for the employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund-State by \$1,000,000.

Increases Other Funds by \$1,000,000.