

SHB 1652 - S AMD 556

By Senators Parlette, Pflug and Keiser

ADOPTED 4/13/05

1 On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health shall conduct a
3 study to evaluate the merits of allowing fire protection districts to
4 establish or participate in the provision of health clinic services.

5 (1) The study shall consider any relevant matters, including but
6 not limited to: the scope of the services which might be provided, the
7 interest among Washington's fire protection districts in providing
8 these services, the need for having them do so, the impact on overall
9 health expenditures of allowing health services to be provided this
10 way, potential government liability, and patient health and safety
11 issues.

12 (2) The secretary of health shall appoint an advisory group of
13 affected parties, including local physicians and other health care
14 providers, to assist in the study.

15 (3) The department shall report the results of the study and any
16 recommendations to the legislature by October 1, 2005. At a minimum,
17 the recommendations shall include: (a) the criteria and process which
18 should be used to evaluate requests by fire protection districts to
19 establish or participate in the provision of health clinic services;
20 and (b) any other statutory or administrative changes needed to address
21 the concerns identified."

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24 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike "and" and
25 on line 3, after "52.02.020" insert "; and creating a new section"

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EFFECT: Directs the Department of Health to study the merits of allowing fire district to establish or participate in the provision of health clinic services and report back to the legislature.