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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1685**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Bailey, Curtis, Skinner, Orcutt, Armstrong, Shabro, Strow, Serben, Roach, Rodne, Schindler and Condotta)

READ FIRST TIME 03/03/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to health insurance policies; and creating a new  
2 section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The office of the insurance commissioner  
5 shall contract for an independent health care actuarial review of all  
6 existing health care coverage statutory requirements. The statutory  
7 requirements to be reviewed shall be those listed in "Mandated Benefits  
8 in Washington State," policy division, Washington state office of the  
9 insurance commissioner, January 10, 2002. The review shall determine  
10 the cost of including the statutory requirements in a health plan,  
11 including the premium cost per member per month; an assessment of the  
12 cost-benefit ratio of the statutory requirement and whether the  
13 statutory requirement can be correlated to savings in other services;  
14 and an assessment of whether market demand has already resulted in  
15 inclusion of current statutory requirements in a significant number of  
16 health benefit plans in states that do not have such statutory  
17 requirements. There shall be an interim report to appropriate

1 committees of the legislature on December 1, 2005, and a final report  
2 submitted by December 1, 2006.

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