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HOUSE BILL 2262

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By Representatives Bailey and Alexander

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1            AN ACT Relating to mandated health benefits; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 48.47 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.47 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) After the effective date of this section, any new mandated  
7 health benefit for specific health services only applies to state  
8 purchased health care programs as defined in RCW 41.05.011(2) for a  
9 period of one year from the effective date of the new mandated benefit.  
10 On or before March 1st, after the one-year period for which the  
11 mandated benefit has been applied, the health care authority shall  
12 submit to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of  
13 representatives a report indicating the impact the mandated benefit has  
14 had on state purchased health care programs, including data on the  
15 utilization and costs of the mandated benefits. The report must also  
16 include a recommendation whether the mandated benefit should continue  
17 for state purchased health care programs or whether additional  
18 utilization and cost data is required.

1           (2) The legislature shall periodically review all mandated benefits  
2 required by law.

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