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By Senators Parlette, Haugen, Poulsen, Finkbeiner, Morton, Benson, Delvin, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Mulliken and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the basic health plan; creating a new section;
2 and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review
5 committee shall conduct a study of the basic health plan. Part 1 of
6 the study shall examine the extent to which basic health plan policies
7 and procedures promote or discourage the provision of appropriate,
8 high-quality, cost-effective care to basic health plan enrollees.
9 Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, whether: (a)
10 Enrollees are encouraged to engage in wellness activities and receive
11 preventive services; (b) evidence-based treatment strategies are
12 identified and promoted; (c) enrollees are encouraged to use high-
13 quality providers; (d) enrollees with chronic or other high-cost
14 conditions are identified and provided with appropriate interventions;
15 and (e) innovative health care service delivery methods are encouraged.
16 Part 1 of the study report must be completed by December 15, 2005.

17 (2) Part 2 of the study must examine the characteristics of
18 individuals enrolled in the basic health plan, and their utilization of
19 health care services, including but not limited to: (a) Enrollee

1 longevity on the basic health plan; (b) circumstances that led to basic
2 health plan enrollment; (c) how enrollees obtained health care prior to
3 basic health plan enrollment; (d) health care coverage of other
4 household members; and (e) service utilization patterns. A part 2
5 interim report must be completed by December 15, 2005, and the final
6 report completed by July 1, 2006.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or
8 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general
9 fund to the joint legislative audit and review committee for the fiscal
10 year ending June 30, 2006, to carry out the purposes of this act.

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