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By Senators Parlette, Kohl-Welles, Oke and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to distribution of unused prescription drugs to  
2 low-income persons; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint legislative audit and review  
5 committee shall study and make recommendations to the legislature on  
6 establishing a cost-effective program that would distribute unused  
7 prescription drugs left over in licensed long-term care facilities to  
8 low-income needy people and other Washington residents who cannot  
9 afford their expensive medications. The report shall be provided to  
10 the appropriate committees in the house and senate by December 1, 2006.

11 The study shall determine the quantity and type of unused  
12 prescription drugs available in a typical year, methods to collect the  
13 drugs, and procedures to distribute the drugs. This analysis shall  
14 consider any liability issues associated with donation of unused  
15 prescription drugs or provision of those drugs to patients, as well as  
16 any costs associated with the donation, collection, and distribution of  
17 unused prescription drugs. The analysis shall also consider the  
18 impacts, if any, of the implementation of the medicare part D  
19 prescription drug benefit on the collection of unused prescription

1 drugs from licensed long-term care facilities. The study shall also  
2 examine criteria to be used in determining eligibility for individuals  
3 to receive prescription drugs through this program.

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