

**SHB 2687 - H AMD 1345**

By Representative Goodman

**WITHDRAWN 2/25/2008**

1 On page 299, line 7, increase the general fund--state  
2 appropriation for FY 09 by \$2,500,000.

3 On page 299, line 11, correct the total.

4 On page 301, after line 30, insert:

5 “(14)\$2,500,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for  
6 fiscal year 2009 is provided solely for the early childhood  
7 education and assistance program with the following conditions:

8 (a)At least \$500,000 of the amount provided in this subsection  
9 shall be used to implement and pilot program for a state funded  
10 early head start program. The pilot program shall be modeled on  
11 the federal early head start program and shall serve children from  
12 birth to three years old;

13 (b)The remaining amounts provided in this subsection shall be  
14 used solely to solicit participation from and to select early  
15 childhood education and assistance program providers to receive an  
16 enhanced vendor rate that shall be at the average federal head  
17 start funding level for Washington state. The selected providers  
18 shall deliver the same services and meet the same standards that  
19 the federal head start program offers, including increased  
20 classroom hours, increased home visiting services, services to more  
21 children with disabilities, and a fuller range of comprehensive  
22 health services.”

**EFFECT:** Directs the department of early learning to establish a state funded early head start pilot program and increase vendor rates for selected ECEAP providers willing to meet federal head start childcare standards.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increases General Fund-State by \$2,500,000.