

EHB 1460 - S AMD 297

By Senator Pflug

EFFECT: Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy study the impacts of mental health parity on small groups, as well as mental health service providers like hospitals.

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1 On page 15, after line 5 insert a new section to read:
2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The Washington state institute for public
3 policy, in collaboration with the office of insurance commissioner, is
4 directed to complete an evaluation of the effect of this act. The
5 study shall include the impacts on premiums paid by small business, the
6 number of firms offering coverage, and the number of employees covered
7 by small business. To the extent possible, the cost benefit analysis
8 should also examine any relevant changes in employee productivity and
9 employee retention for the small business, and impacts on mental health
10 service providers such as hospitals, and any associated reductions in
11 uncompensated care. The study shall examine at least two year's of
12 experience after implementation and be submitted to the legislature no
13 later than December 1, 2011."

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15 Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

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