

**EHB 1667** - S COMM AMD

By By Committee on Ways & Means

**NOT ADOPTED 4/11/2007**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** By January 1, 2008, the department of  
4 health shall submit to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of  
5 the legislature an evaluation of the economic benefits to the state's  
6 health care system of the midwifery licensure and regulatory program  
7 under chapter 18.50 RCW. In particular, the evaluation shall determine  
8 whether these economic benefits exceed the state expenditures to  
9 subsidize the cost of the licensing and regulatory program under RCW  
10 43.70.250. The report may also examine the effectiveness of a  
11 credentialing surcharge to (1) reduce the variation in levels of  
12 credentialing fees paid by health care providers regulated by the  
13 department, (2) provide greater equity in credentialing fee amounts,  
14 and (3) increase the number of health care providers in those  
15 professions. This section expires on January 1, 2008."

16 On page 1, line 2 of the title, strike "amending RCW 43.70.250;"

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**EFFECT:** Requires the Department of Health to examine the credentialing fees charged to the various health professions, including the economic benefits to the state's health care system of the subsidy of the midwifery licensing fees.