

SSB 6360 - S AMD 130

By Senator Pflug and Keiser

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the citizens of
4 Washington deserve primary care physicians that they can trust and rely
5 upon for their health and illness care.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The work group on primary care
7 medical practice is established, with members as provided in this
8 subsection:

9 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
10 caucus of the senate.

11 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
12 member from each caucus of the house of representatives.

13 (iii) The director of the health care authority shall appoint:

14 (A) Four persons representing primary care physicians practicing in
15 the state, one of whom practices in a rural county, as defined in RCW
16 82.14.370;

17 (B) One member representing community clinics;

18 (C) Two members representing health plans, including one
19 representing a fee-for-service provider and one representing a managed
20 care provider; and

21 (D) One member representing the health care authority.

22 (b) The health care authority representative shall chair the work
23 group.

24 (2) The work group shall examine ways to recruit and retain primary
25 care physicians in the state, including, but not limited to, such
26 strategies as:

27 (a) Providing greater reimbursement rates for primary care
28 physicians;

- 1 (b) Ensuring that all patients have access to and know how to use
2 a nurse consultant;
- 3 (c) Encouraging female patients to have a mammogram on the
4 evidence-based recommended schedule;
- 5 (d) Effectively implementing strategies designed to reduce
6 patients' use of nonemergent emergency room care;
- 7 (e) Communicating with patients through electronic means; and
- 8 (f) Effectively managing blood sugar levels of patients with
9 diabetes.
- 10 (3) The work group may consult with individuals from the public and
11 private sector or ask such persons to establish an advisory committee.
12 Members of the advisory committee are not entitled to expense
13 reimbursement.
- 14 (4) The work group shall use legislative facilities, and staff
15 support shall be provided by senate committee services and the house of
16 representatives office of program research.
- 17 (5) Legislative members of the work group shall be reimbursed for
18 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
19 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
20 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
- 22 (6) The expenses of the work group shall be paid jointly by the
23 senate and the house of representatives. Work group expenditures are
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
25 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.
- 26 (7) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to
27 the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.
- 28 (8) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to
29 the office of financial management by December 1, 2008, for
30 consideration in the office of financial management's study of the
31 primary care system, pursuant to Substitute Senate Bill No. 6282
32 (2008).
- 33 (9) This section expires December 31, 2008."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "establishing a work group on primary
3 care medical practice; creating new sections; and providing an
4 expiration date."

EFFECT: Makes a technical correction, changing references from
"task force" to "work group."

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