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By Representatives Bailey, Linville, Hinkle, Alexander, Haler, Strow, Rodne, Warnick, Morrell, Green and Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to an independent study of health benefit  
2 requirements; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the insurance commissioner  
5 shall contract for an independent study of specific health benefit  
6 mandates, rating requirements, and other statutes and rules, as  
7 identified by in-state and out-of-state insurance carriers as  
8 contributing most to the cost of individual and small group health  
9 insurance, to determine the impact on premiums and individuals' health  
10 if those statutes or rules were amended or repealed.

11 (2) The office of the insurance commissioner shall submit an  
12 interim report to the governor and appropriate committees of the  
13 legislature by December 1, 2007, and a final report by December 1,  
14 2008.

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