(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires boarding homes that provide respite care services to comply with the assessment and plan of care provisions of RCW 18.20.350.

Provides that when a boarding home facility provides respite care, before or at the time of admission, the facility must obtain sufficient information to meet the individual's anticipated needs.

Requires that agencies conducting family caregiver longterm care information and support services develop an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool.

Provides that for area plans prepared for submission in 2009, and thereafter, the area agencies may include the findings and recommendations of area-wide planning initiatives that they may undertake with appropriate local and regional partners regarding the changing age demographics of their area and the implications of this demographic change for public policies and public services.

Requires the department of health to develop a statewide fall prevention program to include networking community services, identifying service gaps, making affordable senior-based, evaluated exercise programs more available, providing consumer education to older adults, their adult children, and the community at large, and conducting professional education on fall risk identification and reduction.

Requires additional support for residents in community settings who exhibit challenging behaviors that put them at risk for institutional placement.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to conduct a vulnerable adult fatality review in the event of a death of certain vulnerable adults.

Modifies provisions related to the delegation of insulin injections.

Establishes two dental access projects.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SHB 2668

March 25, 2008

To the Honorable Speaker and Members, The House of Representatives of the State of Washington Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Sections 6 and 9, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to long-term care."

This bill includes the policy recommendations from the Governor's Long-Term Care Task Force designed to meet increased demands for long-term care that supports autonomy and self-determination in people's homes and in community settings rather than institutions.

Sections 6 and 9 were not funded by the legislature in the budget, and are therefore null and void pursuant to Section 15 of this bill. For these reasons, I have vetoed Sections 6 and 9 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668.

With the exception of Sections 6 and 9, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2668 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Gregoire Governor