

SB 6665-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate the pilot programs and make preliminary reports to appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, and a final report by June 30, 2010.

Requires a person detained for fourteen days of involuntary chemical dependency treatment under RCW 70.96B.090 to be released from involuntary treatment at the expiration of the period of commitment unless the professional staff of the agency or facility files a petition for additional period of involuntary treatment under RCW 70.96A.140, or files a petition for sixty days less restrictive treatment under RCW 70.96B.100.

Provides that the court may impose a sixty-day less restrictive order if the evidence shows that the respondent, as a result of a chemical dependency, presents a likelihood of serious harm or is gravely disabled, and that continued treatment pursuant to a less restrictive order is in the best interest of the respondent or others.

VETO MESSAGE ON ESSB 6665

April 1, 2008

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6665 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the intensive case management
and integrated response pilot programs."

This bill extends the life of two pilot programs authorized by the Legislature in 2005, the Intensive Case Management and the Integrated Crisis Response pilots. Section 4 provides the Department of Social and Health Services with the authority to expand the number of intensive crisis response pilots. Vetoing this section allows time for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to adequately study the effectiveness of these programs prior to making a determination on whether to expand their availability.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6665.

With the exception of Section 4, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6665 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor