2SHB 3062 - H AMD **1124**
      By Representative Condotta

NOT CONSIDERED 3/11/2010

1   Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
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4   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.**   (1) No later than thirty days after the
5 effective date of this act, the department of social and health
6 services shall establish a working group on language access services.

7   (2) The working group shall include representatives of: (a) The
8 department of social and health services; (b) language service
9 brokers; (c) foreign language agencies; (d) interpreters; (e) persons
10 with limited English proficiency; (f) a statewide association of
11 hospitals; (g) a statewide association of physicians; and (h) other
12 health care providers.

13   (3) The working group shall develop a plan to improve the
14 efficiency and effectiveness of language access services. The plan
15 shall describe the best possible means by which the following criteria
16 are achieved: (a) Administrative and overhead costs are reduced by at
17 least fifty percent; (b) timeliness and flexibility for medical
18 providers is improved; (c) the pool of interpreters is stabilized; and
19 (d) fraud and abuse are prevented.

20   (4) The department of social and health services shall report the
21 findings of the working group to the legislature and the governor no
22 later than December 1, 2010."

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24   Correct the title.

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      EFFECT: Strikes parts of the underlying bill that provide for
      collective bargaining between the Governor and language access
      providers.

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to determine the composition of the working group. Specifies that the group must include, but not be limited to, representatives of the DSHS, brokers, agencies, interpreters, persons with limited English proficiency, a hospital association, a physician association, and other health care providers.

Omits a reference to brokers and agencies in the criteria involving the reduction of administrative and overhead costs.

Extends the date by which the report is due from September 30, 2010, to December 1, 2010.

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