

**ESSB 6444** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5483.2/10) **1318**

By Representative Short

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1 On page 98, after line 37, insert the following:

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3 "(39) The department shall propose a new medicaid prescription  
4 drug pricing benchmark to replace the average wholesale price (AWP),  
5 and report on the transition plan, the potential impact on  
6 stakeholders, and impact on state expenditures for the 2011-13  
7 biennium to the governor and the fiscal committees of the legislature  
8 by November 1, 2010. This effort will include collaboration with  
9 stakeholders and be consistent with the recommendations of the  
10 American medicaid pharmacy administrators association and the national  
11 association of medicaid directors working group on post-AWP pricing  
12 and reimbursement."

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14 Renumber subsections consecutively and correct internal references  
15 accordingly.

**EFFECT:** The Department of Social and Health Services Medical Assistance program is required to propose a new Medicaid prescription drug pricing benchmark to replace the average wholesale price and report to the Legislature on the transition plan by November 1, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

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