

SENATE RESOLUTION

8702

By Senators Keiser, Bailey, Cleveland, Brown, Jayapal, Fraser, Nelson, and Benton

1 WHEREAS, The legislature passed and the governor signed  
2 Substitute Senate Bill No. 6124 during the 2014 session; and

3 WHEREAS, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6124 established the  
4 Alzheimer's Disease Working Group and directed it to examine the  
5 needs of individuals with Alzheimer's, the services available to meet  
6 these needs, and the capacity of the state and current providers to  
7 meet these and future needs; and

8 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are now the  
9 third leading cause of death in Washington state; and

10 WHEREAS, An outstanding group of knowledgeable citizens,  
11 including consumers, providers, scientists, advocates,  
12 and legislators worked together over the past year to develop the  
13 first Washington State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other  
14 Dementias; and

15 WHEREAS, Fifteen town meetings and community listening sessions  
16 were held around the state to gather input and ideas from citizens  
17 with personal and family experiences with Alzheimer's disease; and

18 WHEREAS, The progressive nature of Alzheimer's, its long  
19 duration, and its effect on memory, self-care, decision making, and  
20 behavior create formidable challenges for individuals and families;  
21 the most common concern expressed by participants was the need to  
22 increase home care and family support and provider education to  
23 improve early diagnosis and treatment; and

1           WHEREAS, The Plan is now complete and is being submitted to  
2 the legislature this week, and includes reports showing that  
3 Alzheimer's disease is one of the most costly chronic conditions  
4 in our state, posing financial burdens for families; and

5           WHEREAS, The Plan sets forth both short-term and long-term  
6 goals and strategies to be pursued to offer hope and support to  
7 individuals and families in coping with the disease while using  
8 public and private resources as efficiently as possible;

9           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate express deep  
10 gratitude and appreciation to all citizens and staff who worked  
11 to research and prepare the Washington State Plan to Address  
12 Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias; and

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate welcome further  
14 advisement from the Alzheimer's Disease Working Group in our  
15 efforts to implement the Plan.

16 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8702,  
19 adopted by the Senate  
20 February 12, 2016

21 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
22 Secretary of the Senate