

**SB 6544-S - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Requires the department of social and health services and the state health care authority to convene a task force, including participation by a representative cross-section of behavioral health organizations and behavioral health providers, to align regulations between behavioral health and primary health care settings and simplify regulations for behavioral health providers.

Requires the department of social and health services to collaborate with the department of health, the state health care authority, and other appropriate government partners to reduce unneeded costs and burdens to health plans and providers associated with excessive audits, the licensing process, and contracting.

Requires the department of social and health services, the state health care authority, and the department of health to each develop performance management systems to guide their operations.