

**SB 6569-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the task force on patient out-of-pocket costs.

Requires the department of health to convene the task force and coordinate task force meetings.

Requires the task force to: (1) Evaluate factors contributing to the out-of-pocket costs for patients including prescription drug cost trends and plan benefit design; and

(2) Consider patient treatment adherence and the impacts on chronic illness and acute disease, with consideration of the long-term outcomes and costs for the patient.

Veto overridden on March 29, 2016.

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6569

March 10, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6569 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the creation of a task force on patient out-of-pocket costs."

This is a worthy bill, but it has preceded the passage of the 2016-2017 supplemental operating budget, which is a greater legislative priority. Until a budget agreement is reached, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons I have vetoed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6569 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Inslee  
Governor