

**SHB 2299** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5008.1/18) **1135**

By Representative Chandler

WITHDRAWN 02/23/2018

1 On page 146, line 25, increase the general fund-state  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2019 by \$4,200,000.

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4 On page 146, line 27, increase the general fund-federal  
5 appropriation by \$7,200,000.

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7 On page 147, line 9, correct the total.

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9 On page 167, after line 32, insert the following:

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11 "(ooo) \$4,200,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2019 and \$7,200,000 of the general fund-federal  
13 appropriation are provided solely to increase the rates paid to  
14 hospitals meeting the criteria in (i) through (iii). Payments for  
15 state and federal medical assistance programs for services provided by  
16 such a hospital, regardless of the beneficiary's managed care  
17 enrollment status, must be increased to one hundred and fifty percent  
18 of the of the hospital's fee-for-service rates. The authority shall  
19 discontinue this rate increase after June 30, 2019. Hospitals  
20 qualifying for this rate increase must:

21 (i) have less than fifty available acute care beds per the  
22 hospital's 2017 department of health year-end report;

23 (ii) not currently be designated as a critical access  
24 hospital;

25 (iii) not meet the current federal eligibility requirements  
26 for designation as a critical access hospital;

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1           (iii) have combined medicare and medicaid inpatient days  
2 greater than fifty percent as reported in the hospital's 2017 cost  
3 report;

4           (iv) be located in Yakima, Grant, or Skagit county; and

5           (v) be located in a city with a population of less than  
6 fifty thousand based on office of financial management population data  
7 for 2017."

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9       Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any  
10 internal references.

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EFFECT: Requires the Health Care Authority to increase the  
Medicaid rates paid to hospitals that meet certain criteria by fifty  
percent above their fee-for-service rate schedule for fiscal year  
2019 only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$4,200,000.

Increases General Fund - Federal by \$7,200,000.

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