

**SB 6163** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. 2016 c 68 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 (1) The collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine is  
6 created to enhance the understanding and use of health services  
7 provided through telemedicine and other similar models in Washington  
8 state. The collaborative shall be hosted by the University of  
9 Washington telehealth services and shall be comprised of one member  
10 from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate and the house of  
11 representatives, and representatives from the academic community,  
12 hospitals, clinics, and health care providers in primary care and  
13 specialty practices, carriers, and other interested parties.

14 (2) By July 1, 2016, the collaborative shall be convened. The  
15 collaborative shall develop recommendations on improving  
16 reimbursement and access to services, including originating site  
17 restrictions, provider to provider consultative models, and  
18 technologies and models of care not currently reimbursed; identify  
19 the existence of telemedicine best practices, guidelines, billing  
20 requirements, and fraud prevention developed by recognized medical  
21 and telemedicine organizations; and explore other priorities  
22 identified by members of the collaborative. After review of existing  
23 resources, the collaborative shall explore and make recommendations  
24 on whether to create a technical assistance center to support  
25 providers in implementing or expanding services delivered through  
26 telemedicine technologies.

27 (3) The collaborative must submit an initial progress report by  
28 December 1, 2016, with follow-up policy reports including  
29 recommendations by December 1, 2017, (~~and~~) December 1, 2018, and  
30 December 1, 2021. The reports shall be shared with the relevant

1 professional associations, governing boards or commissions, and the  
2 health care committees of the legislature.

3 (4) The meetings of the board shall be open public meetings, with  
4 meeting summaries available on a web page.

5 (5) The future of the collaborative shall be reviewed by the  
6 legislature with consideration of ongoing technical assistance needs  
7 and opportunities. The collaborative terminates December 31, ((2018))  
8 2021."

9 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the collaborative for the advancement of  
telemedicine to submit a final policy report by December 1, 2021.

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