
Health Care & Wellness Committee

ESSB 5180

Brief Description: Establishing the legislative advisory committee on aging.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Walsh, Darnelle, Keiser, Palumbo and Conway).

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes the Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging to review issues affecting the aging community and individuals with disabilities.
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Hearing Date: 3/10/17

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues (Committee) was originally established in the 2013-15 operating budget and reauthorized in the 2015-17 operating budget. The Committee's membership has varied over its four years, but has included a combination of legislators, executive branch representatives, and representatives from stakeholder groups.

The Committee has been assigned various responsibilities, including:

- profiling Washington's older population and population with disabilities;
- inventorying services and supports for aging and disabled populations;
- identifying strategies to better serve the health care needs of an aging population and people with disabilities to promote healthy living and palliative care planning;
- identifying ways to fund long-term services and supports;
- promoting financial security in retirement; and
- reviewing housing, land use, and transportation options for an aging community.

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The Committee has issued four reports, including its latest in December 2016. The Committee expires on July 1, 2017.

Summary of Bill:

The Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging (Committee) is established. The Committee consists of eight voting members comprised of the two legislators from each caucus of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. In addition, the Department of Social and Health Services and the Health Care Authority must each appoint a liaison representative to serve as nonvoting members. The Committee may review issues of importance to the aging community, as well as individuals with disabilities, including housing, long-term care, health and wellness, transportation, and finances. The Committee expires July 1, 2019.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.