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By Senator Carlyle

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1 On page 1, line 17, after "medicaid." insert "Middle class
2 families are at the greatest risk because most have not saved enough
3 to cover long-term care costs. When seniors reach the point of
4 needing assistance with eating, dressing, and personal care, they
5 must spend down to their last remaining two thousand dollars before
6 they qualify for state assistance, leaving family members in jeopardy
7 for their own future care needs."

8 On page 2, line 36, after "seamless;" strike "and"

9 On page 2, line 38, after "settings" insert "; and
10 (e) Program design focuses on the need to provide meaningful
11 assistance to middle class families."

12 On page 3, beginning on line 32, after "dollars" strike all
13 material through "approval," on line 33

14 On page 3, line 36, after "date." insert "The benefit unit must
15 be adjusted annually at a rate no greater than the Washington state
16 consumer price index, as determined solely by the state actuary. The
17 state actuary, in consultation with the state forecast council and
18 the department of social and health services, using data on relevant
19 economic indicators and program costs, must determine adjustments to
20 the benefit unit to assure benefit adequacy and solvency of the long-
21 term services and supports trust account established in section 10 of
22 this act. In determining adjustments to the benefit unit, the state
23 actuary must consider the financial balance of program benefits and
24 costs, in addition to sustainability."

25 On page 6, line 28, after "established." insert "The commission's
26 recommendations and decisions must be guided by the joint goals of
27 maintaining benefit adequacy and maintaining fund solvency and
28 sustainability."

1 On page 8, line 19, after "(e)" strike "The" and insert
2 "Providing a recommendation to the state actuary for the"

3 On page 15, beginning on line 17, strike all of section 17 and
4 insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 43.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 By December 1, 2032, the state auditor must conduct a
8 comprehensive evaluation of the long-term services and supports trust
9 program established in chapter 50B.--- RCW (the new chapter created
10 in section 21 of this act) and deliver a report, including a
11 conclusion and recommendations for improvement to the legislature
12 regarding:

13 (1) Program operations, including the performance of the long-
14 term services and supports trust commission established in section 4
15 of this act;

16 (2) Program financial status, including solvency, the value of
17 the benefit provided, and the financial balance of program benefits
18 to costs;

19 (3) The overall efficacy of the program, based on the established
20 goals under this act including, but not limited to:

21 (a) Delaying middle class families' need to spend to poverty to
22 receive medicaid-funded long-term care;

23 (b) Strengthening the state economy through improving workforce
24 participation;

25 (c) Reducing the caseload and expenditures of the state medicaid
26 program on long-term care; and

27 (d) Obtaining shared savings through a medicaid demonstration
28 waiver."

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29 On page 20, line 20, after "chapter" strike "44.28" and insert
30 "43.09"

EFFECT: (1) Transfers the authority to increase the annual
benefit unit from the Commission to the Office of the State Actuary.

(2) Replaces the 2032 JLARC audit with a program evaluation by the state auditor that includes recommendations for improvements to program operations, financial solvency, value of the benefit, and overall efficacy of the program.

(3) Adds language that requires the Commission's recommendations and decisions to be guided by the goals of maintaining benefit adequacy and fund solvency and sustainability.

(4) Modifies the intent section to include the program's goals to assist middle class families.

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