
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2360

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Campbell, Cody, Edwards, Wood and Schual-Berke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of negotiations between health
2 care providers and health carriers; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) There is hereby established a joint
5 select committee on collective negotiations to study the regulation of
6 collective negotiations between health care providers and health
7 insurance carriers authorized under chapter 43.72 RCW. The committee
8 shall be composed of (a) two members of the house of representatives,
9 one from each political caucus to be appointed by the speaker; (b) two
10 members of the senate, one from each political caucus appointed by the
11 president of the senate; and (c) ex officio representatives of the
12 office of the attorney general, the office of the insurance
13 commissioner, and the department of health respectively. The chair of
14 the committee shall be selected by legislative members. In its
15 deliberations, the committee shall consult with health care provider
16 professional associations, health carriers, and other state agencies
17 directly affected by the activities of collective negotiations.

18 (2) The committee shall review (a) the appropriateness of
19 collective negotiations on the terms and conditions of contracts

1 between health care providers and health carriers, including
2 reimbursement for provider services; (b) the benefits of voluntary
3 mediation and arbitration in case of impasse for furthering dispute
4 resolution; (c) the appropriateness of requiring health carriers and
5 health care providers to enter into collective negotiations in good
6 faith; (d) the impact of collective negotiations on the access of the
7 public to health care providers, on the costs of health care services,
8 and on state and federal antitrust laws; and (e) such other matters
9 related to the purposes of this study.

10 (3) The committee may use the staffing and support resources of the
11 office of program research of the house of representatives and the
12 office of senate committee services within available funds.

13 (4) The committee shall report to the legislature by the first day
14 of the regular legislative session commencing in January 2003 on its
15 findings and recommendations, together with any legislative proposals
16 implementing them. The authority of the committee expires at such
17 time.

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