
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6662

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By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Roach, Kastama, Keiser, Zarelli, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing a curriculum for a career track for
2 home care aides; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a need
5 to create career pathways in health care professions to prepare
6 Washington state to emerge strong from the economic downturn. The
7 legislature further finds that certified home care aides are a valuable
8 potential source of advanced degree health care workers who will be
9 needed to meet the health care needs of Washington state. In addition,
10 the legislature finds that health care occupations, such as home care
11 aides and registered nurses, will be among the fastest growing
12 occupations over the next decade despite the recession and rising
13 unemployment. Despite these findings, the legislature recognizes that
14 entry-level, long-term jobs often have little room for advancement.
15 The legislature intends to provide additional career advancement
16 training opportunities for home care aides through partnerships between
17 the community college system, federal agencies, local governments,
18 private foundations, boarding home associations, adult family home

1 associations, licensed home care agency provider associations, and
2 labor-management organizations to promote the development of these
3 career pathways.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) To the extent that funds are
5 specifically appropriated for this purpose, by June 1, 2011, the state
6 board for community and technical colleges, in consultation with the
7 training partnership established in RCW 74.39A.360, shall solicit
8 proposals from community and technical colleges to develop and adapt
9 curriculum for up to three existing degree and certificate programs in
10 health care, social services, and special education to be used as part
11 of a career track for incumbent home care aides.

12 (2) The curriculum development and adaptation shall include
13 integrated credit for prior learning in basic and advanced home care
14 aide training, delivered under RCW 74.39A.073 or 74.39A.350, and shall
15 also integrate best practices for working adults. The colleges shall
16 solicit input from health care, social service, and special education
17 labor-management partnerships, boarding home associations, adult family
18 home associations, licensed home care agency provider associations, and
19 centers of excellence, throughout the curriculum development and
20 adaptation process.

21 (3) Curriculum developed or adapted pursuant to this section shall
22 be made available for replication across the state and shall be posted
23 on the appropriate center of excellence, department of health, and
24 department of social and health services web sites.

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