
SENATE BILL 6754

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1996 Regular Session

By Senator Quigley

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the impact on rural hospitals of
2 changing the certificate of need program; creating a new section; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of health shall, by December
6 1, 1996, provide recommendations to the legislature on the potential
7 impact of changing the certificate of need program. The department
8 shall assess the potential impact on rural hospitals, home health care
9 facilities, hospices, and nursing homes if changes are made to the
10 certificate of need program. The report shall include recommendations
11 for the kind of system that should be maintained by the state to ensure
12 quality and access of health care services to vulnerable and rural
13 populations.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or
15 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal

1 year ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the department of
2 health for the purposes of this act.

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