

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3079

Chapter 264, Laws of 2006

(partial veto)

59th Legislature
2006 Regular Session

BASIC HEALTH PLAN--MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--REPORTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/7/06

Passed by the House March 8, 2006
Yeas 96 Nays 2

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2006
Yeas 46 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 27, 2006, with the
exception of section 3, which is vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3079** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

FILED

March 27, 2006 - 3:55 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2006 Regular Session

State of Washington **59th Legislature** **2006 Regular Session**

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Cody, Sells, Dickerson, Morrell, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Chase and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 02/08/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to health care services; adding a new section to
2 chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The health care authority, in coordination with the department
8 of social and health services, shall by November 15th of each year
9 report to the legislature:

10 (a) The number of basic health plan enrollees who: (i) Upon
11 enrollment or recertification had reported being employed, and
12 beginning with the 2008 report, the month and year they reported being
13 hired; or (ii) upon enrollment or recertification had reported being
14 the dependent of someone who was employed, and beginning with the 2008
15 report, the month and year they reported the employed person was hired;
16 and (iii) the total cost to the state for these enrollees. The
17 information shall be reported by employer for employers having more
18 than fifty employees as enrollees or with dependents as enrollees.

1 This information shall be provided for the preceding January and June
2 of that year.

3 (b) The following aggregated information: (i) The number of
4 employees who are enrollees or with dependents as enrollees by private
5 and governmental employers; (ii) the number of employees who are
6 enrollees or with dependents as enrollees by employer size for
7 employers with fifty or fewer employees, fifty-one to one hundred
8 employees, one hundred one to one thousand employees, one thousand one
9 to five thousand employees and more than five thousand employees; and
10 (iii) the number of employees who are enrollees or with dependents as
11 enrollees by industry type.

12 For each aggregated classification, the report will include the
13 number of hours worked and total cost to the state for these enrollees.
14 This information shall be for each quarter of the preceding year.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The department of social and health services, in coordination
18 with the health care authority, shall by November 15th of each year
19 report to the legislature:

20 (a) The number of medical assistance recipients who: (i) Upon
21 enrollment or recertification had reported being employed, and
22 beginning with the 2008 report, the month and year they reported being
23 hired; or (ii) upon enrollment or recertification had reported being
24 the dependent of someone who was employed, and beginning with the 2008
25 report, the month and year they reported the employed person was hired.
26 For recipients identified under (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection, the
27 department shall report the basis for their medical assistance
28 eligibility, including but not limited to family medical coverage,
29 transitional medical assistance, children's medical or aged or disabled
30 coverage; member months; and the total cost to the state for these
31 recipients, expressed as general fund-state, health services account
32 and general fund-federal dollars. The information shall be reported by
33 employer for employers having more than fifty employees as recipients
34 or with dependents as recipients. This information shall be provided
35 for the preceding January and June of that year.

36 (b) The following aggregated information: (i) The number of
37 employees who are recipients or with dependents as recipients by

1 private and governmental employers; (ii) the number of employees who
2 are recipients or with dependents as recipients by employer size for
3 employers with fifty or fewer employees, fifty-one to one hundred
4 employees, one hundred one to one thousand employees, one thousand one
5 to five thousand employees and more than five thousand employees; and
6 (iii) the number of employees who are recipients or with dependents as
7 recipients by industry type.

8 For each aggregated classification, the report will include the
9 number of hours worked, the number of department of social and health
10 services covered lives, and the total cost to the state for these
11 recipients. This information shall be for each quarter of the
12 preceding year.

13 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purpose of this***
14 ***act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by***
15 ***June 30, 2006, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and***
16 ***void.***

**Sec. 3 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

Passed by the House March 8, 2006.

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2006.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 2006, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 27, 2006.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 3, Engrossed
Substitute House Bill No. 3079 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to health care services."

I support ESHB 3079, an act providing information about our Basic
Health Plan and Medical Assistance programs. I am, however, vetoing
section 3 of this act, which includes an unnecessary null and void
clause.

In signing ESHB 3079, I express a cautionary note as to the
interpretation of the reports that it requires to be developed. The
employer information to be provided by the Health Care Authority
(HCA) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is not
a requirement for enrollment or eligibility. Consequently, data
contained in the reports will have been provided on a voluntary
basis, and will be unverified. The two reports - an employer-
specific report and an aggregated report - will originate from
separate sources. Therefore, they will not be comparable. The
reports will also be based on a point-in-time data collection and
will therefore not reflect changes in employment status. These data
limitations must be considered when interpreting the reports.

It is equally important to note that the Joint Legislative Audit
and Review Committee (JLARC) study due in July 2006 will report Basic
Health employment status and employer information in more detail than
the aggregated report required by this bill.

It is my hope that the information collected and provided to the Legislature in accordance with ESHB 3079 will not be misconstrued to portray beneficiaries of our Basic Health and Medicaid programs in a negative light. These programs are designed to provide health care services to eligible, often working, enrollees. I am confident that they are meeting that intent.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 3079.

With the exception of Section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 3079 is approved."