

## 1816-PS AMH APP HENR 057

By Representative Rude

**PSHB 1816** - H COMM AMD (TO H-2776.2/22)

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 618, line 22, increase general fund-state appropriation  
2 for fiscal year 2023 by \$200,000

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4 On page 619, line 5, correct the total.

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6 On page 633, after line 39, insert the following:

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8 "(79) (a) \$200,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
9 fiscal year 2023 is provided solely to conduct a study, in  
10 consultation with the department of health and with approval from the  
11 Washington state institutional review board, of the ability of  
12 Washington residents to make use of the rights established in chapter  
13 70.245 RCW to achieve full access to the Washington death with dignity  
14 act. The institution and department of health shall enter into a  
15 signed data-sharing agreement for the purpose of the study. Data  
16 obtained in the course of this study is not subject to public  
17 disclosure. The study shall review the extent to which there are  
18 barriers to achieving full access to the Washington death with dignity  
19 act, including:

20 (i) A lack of awareness of the Washington death with dignity act  
21 and its provisions;

22 (ii) Burdens for qualified patients to meet the fifteen-day  
23 waiting period;

24 (iii) The effectiveness of pain control medication used during the  
25 fifteen-day waiting period;

26 (iv) Concerns that inhibit the participation of health care  
27 providers;

1       (v) Hospital, medical, hospice, and long-term care providers'  
2 policies that restrict the participation in and the distribution of  
3 information about provisions in chapter 70.245 RCW;  
4       (vi) Limited geographic access to compounding pharmacies or other  
5 pharmacies that dispense medications under chapter 70.245 RCW;  
6       (vii) Restrictions based on the requirement that the medications  
7 under chapter 70.245 RCW be self-administered;  
8       (viii) Lack of insurance coverage for the services and medications  
9 necessary to participate in activities under chapter 70.245 RCW;  
10       (ix) The need for improvements to the data collection system; and  
11       (x) Any other barriers identified in the course of performing the  
12 study.  
13       (b) By June 30, 2023, the institution shall report its findings,  
14 as well as any legislative or administrative policy recommendations,  
15 to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature  
16 under RCW 43.01.036. The report must protect the confidentiality of  
17 the subjects of any data that it receives while conducting its  
18 research, including the names of any qualifying patients and health  
19 care providers."  
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EFFECT: Adds funding to the University of Washington in coordination with the Department of Health to study barriers to the Death with Dignity Act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$200,000.

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