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House Bill 5263 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Carl M. Williams
House Committee: Health Policy
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CONTENT

The bill would amend Section 16204a of the Public Health Code to delete references to "intractable" pain and refer instead to pain and symptom management.

Section 16204a created an Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management within the Department of Community Health (DCH). The Code prescribes the membership of the committee, including several professionals with training in the treatment of intractable pain. These include a registered professional nurse, a dentist, a pharmacist, and a physician's assistant. Under the bill, these individuals would have to have training in pain and symptom management.

Under Section 16204a, "intractable pain" means a pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed or otherwise treated and which, in the generally accepted practice of allopathic or osteopathic medicine, no relief of the cause of the pain or cure of the cause of the pain is possible or none has been found after reasonable efforts, including evaluation by the attending physician and by one or more other physicians specializing in the treatment of the area, system, or organ of the body perceived as the source of the pain. The bill would delete this definition.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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