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Sponsor(s): Senators Quigley, Winsley, Wojahn, Franklin and Moyer;
by request of Health Services Commission

Brief Description: Regulating conflicts of interest among health care providers, facilities, and third-party payers.

SB 5457 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to protect the citizens from unnecessary and unduly costly health care expenditures and to prevent limitations on access to health services by underutilization of services for financial gain.

Provides guidance to health care providers, facilities, and third-party payers regarding acceptable patient referrals, particularly the practice of self-referrals.

Declares an intent to complement the body of federal law pertaining to health care provider investment or other compensation interests and referrals.

Provides for regulation of inappropriate financial gain and establishes disciplinary procedures for licensed care providers.

Repeals RCW 19.68.010, 19.68.020, 19.68.030, 19.68.040, and 51.48.280.