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By Representative O'Brien.

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1 AN ACT Relating to blood donors; and adding new sections to chapter  
2 70.54 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Each blood donor program established in this state for receiving  
7 blood donations for medical or health purposes shall establish a  
8 program and procedure pursuant to section 2 of this act to honor  
9 requests by donors to have blood donations directed for use to persons  
10 specified by the donors for a period of fourteen days following the  
11 donation. The blood donor program may charge reasonable fees for the  
12 directed blood donations to cover administrative costs.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

1 (1) The program shall include, but is not limited to:

2 (a) Designated donations may be accepted only on written request of  
3 the patient's responsible physician and with the written consent of the  
4 patient or legal guardian. The physician request shall state the  
5 required blood components;

6 (b) Designated donations may be permitted only for a patient  
7 scheduled for a procedure that has a reasonable likelihood of requiring  
8 transfusion;

9 (c) Directed donations may be accepted prior to testing the blood  
10 type of the designated recipient;

11 (d) The blood bank may separate blood donated into its component  
12 parts;

13 (e) The blood components may be directed only if they are viable  
14 for at least fourteen days; and

15 (f) Cryoprecipitate may be directed only upon request by the donor  
16 with written request by the physician.

17 (2) The procedure shall include, but is not limited to:

18 (a) The donor shall designate the recipient of the blood. Only one  
19 recipient may be named;

20 (b) The donor shall make an appointment with the blood donor  
21 program for the donation;

22 (c) The donor shall sign a release when the blood is donated that  
23 includes an acknowledgement that the designated recipient may not  
24 receive the directed blood donation due to emergencies, incompatibility  
25 in blood type, breakage, contamination, or other unforeseen problems.  
26 There is no guarantee that designated blood will be suitable or made  
27 available for transfusion; and

28 (d) The physician request shall be submitted to the blood bank one  
29 week in advance and no less than forty-eight work week hours prior to  
30 the expected transfusion date.