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5 On page 30, after line 34 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The legislature finds that assuring adequate access to quality
9 health services in rural and medically underserved areas requires
10 special efforts to recruit and train health service providers and the
11 development of health care systems in these areas. The state
12 department of health has provided valuable coordination and technical
13 assistance in these efforts through its office of rural health. The
14 University of Washington's rural and underserved opportunities program
15 and its community health systems development program have voluntarily
16 initiated various creative efforts, which have made solid progress in
17 meeting these essential state needs, despite the lack of explicit
18 financial support from state government for these purposes. The
19 legislature recognizes that increased price competition in health
20 services delivery may jeopardize the University of Washington's
21 laudatory efforts in these areas, and in other teaching and research
22 endeavors that are critical to promoting universal access to quality
23 health services. Therefore, the department of health is authorized to
24 ensure the continuation of these efforts as well as their coordination
25 in the context of overall health systems development, within funds
26 specially appropriated for this purpose."

27 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
28 references.

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1 On page 33, line 25 of the title amendment, strike "a new section"
2 and insert "new sections"

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