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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner, Benton, Swecker, McCaslin, Oke, Goings, Long, Anderson, Rossi, Schow, Johnson, Hale and Sellar)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the reporting of a blood alcohol level; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.61 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 46.61 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A health care provider furnishing medical care in a health care
7 facility to a person involved in a motor vehicle accident may report to
8 any law enforcement officer present at the health care facility a
9 patient's blood alcohol level obtained as part of the medical care of
10 that patient when that level meets or exceeds .10, and the health care
11 provider has a reasonable belief that the patient was involved in the
12 motor vehicle accident while under the influence of alcohol. If no
13 officer is present, the health care provider may notify the county
14 police department in the county where the accident occurred. The
15 notice by the health care provider shall consist of the name of the
16 person being treated, the blood alcohol level disclosed by the test,

- 1 the blood sample that gave rise to the reported blood alcohol level,
- 2 and the date and time of the administration of the test.

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