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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Prentice and Winsley; by request of Washington Health Care Facilities Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to public health facilities; and amending RCW  
2 70.37.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.37.020 and 1994 c 92 s 505 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter, the following words and terms have the  
7 following meanings, unless the context indicates or requires another or  
8 different meaning or intent and the singular of any term shall  
9 encompass the plural and the plural the singular unless the context  
10 indicates otherwise:

11 (1) "Authority" means the Washington health care facilities  
12 authority created by RCW 70.37.030 or any board, body, commission,  
13 department or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or  
14 to whom the powers conferred upon the authority shall be given by law.

15 (2) "Bonds" mean bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of  
16 the authority issued pursuant hereto.

17 (3) "Health care facility" means any land, structure, system,  
18 machinery, equipment or other real or personal property or  
19 appurtenances useful for or associated with the promotion and

1 maintenance of public health as defined in RCW 70.38.025(12), the  
2 delivery of inpatient or outpatient health care service or support for  
3 such care or any combination thereof which is operated or undertaken in  
4 connection with hospital, clinic, health maintenance organization,  
5 diagnostic or treatment center, extended care facility, or any facility  
6 providing or designed to provide therapeutic, convalescent or  
7 preventive health care or public health services, and shall include  
8 research and support facilities of a comprehensive cancer center, but  
9 excluding, however, any facility which is maintained by a participant  
10 primarily for rental or lease to self-employed health care  
11 professionals or as an independent nursing home or other facility  
12 primarily offering domiciliary care.

13 (4) "Participant" means any city, county or other municipal  
14 corporation or agency or political subdivision of the state or any  
15 corporation, hospital, comprehensive cancer center, or health  
16 maintenance organization authorized by law to operate nonprofit health  
17 care facilities, or any affiliate, as defined by regulations  
18 promulgated by the director of the department of financial institutions  
19 pursuant to RCW 21.20.450, which is a nonprofit corporation acting for  
20 the benefit of any entity described in this subsection.

21 (5) "Project" means a specific health care facility or any  
22 combination of health care facilities, constructed, purchased,  
23 acquired, leased, used, owned or operated by a participant, and  
24 alterations, additions to, renovations, enlargements, betterments and  
25 reconstructions thereof.

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