

6214-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
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Brief Description: Establishing requirements for consent to and refusal of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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Declares that consent to cardiopulmonary resuscitation or to do-not-resuscitate may be provided by the patient or legal representative when a licensed physician has determined and documented at least one of the following factors: (1) A high medical probability, based on the patient's current medical conditions, that the patient's heart will stop or breathing will stop, or both will stop;

(2) cardiopulmonary resuscitation treatment would be medically futile;

(3) the patient has a terminal condition as defined in RCW 70.122.020;

(4) the patient has a permanent unconscious condition, as defined in RCW 70.122.020; or

(5) resuscitation would impose an extraordinary burden on the patient given the patient's current medical condition and the expected outcome of resuscitation for the patient.