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By Representatives Lisk, Cody, Skinner, Conway, Campbell, Darneille, Linville, Schual-Berke, Benson, Edwards, Clements, McMorris and Casada

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1 AN ACT Relating to the calculation of median costs for peer groups  
2 under the nursing facility medicaid payment system; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 74.46 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.46 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Median costs for peer groups must be calculated initially as  
8 provided in this chapter on the basis of the most recent adjusted cost  
9 information used to set the current rates regardless of whether the  
10 adjustments are contested or subject to pending administrative or  
11 judicial review. On a quarterly basis, the department will review the  
12 outcome of contested adjustments. If the department finds that, since  
13 the most recent adjustment of the medians, more than one million  
14 dollars has been awarded to providers as the result of contested  
15 adjustments, the department will recalculate the median costs for each  
16 peer group and apply the recalculated medians retroactively to the  
17 prior July 1 rate.

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