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Sponsor(s): Senators Costa, Winsley, Franklin, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Regulating disclosure of health care information.

**SB 5258.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that it is a negligent violation of chapter 70.24 RCW to cause an unauthorized communication of confidential sexually transmitted disease information by facsimile transmission or otherwise communicating the information to an unauthorized recipient when the sender knew or had reason to know the facsimile transmission telephone number or other transmittal information was incorrect or outdated.

Declares that reasonable safeguards shall include taking reasonable steps to delete outdated and incorrect facsimile transmission or other telephone transmittal numbers from computer, facsimile, or other data bases. When health care information is transmitted electronically to a recipient who is not regularly transmitted health care information from the health care provider, the health care provider shall verify that the number is accurate prior to transmission.