

1 **SHB 1928 - H AMD 0175 ADOPTED 3-19-03**
2 By Representative Schual-Berke

3 On page 2, line 16, after "to" strike everything through
4 "hospital" on line 23 and insert "health care providers as defined
5 in RCW 7.70.020, in all cases governed by chapter 7.70 RCW with
6 respect to judgments for noneconomic damages. In all cases
7 governed by chapter 7.70 RCW, the liability of health care
8 providers"

EFFECT: Removes the provision exempting *hospitals* from joint and several liability for noneconomic damages *if* they are less than 25% at fault, and replaces it with a provision exempting *all health care providers* from joint and several liability for such damages *regardless* of their percentages of fault.