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By Senator Kohl-Welles

1 On page ..., after line ..., insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 414.** A new section is added to chapter 4.56
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 In an action for damages for injury or death occurring as a result
5 of health care, or arranging for the provision of health care, whether
6 brought under chapter 7.70 RCW, if gross negligence exists, the court
7 may award exemplary damages in an amount not exceeding twice the award
8 or verdict for economic and noneconomic damages."

EFFECT: Permits exemplary damages to be awarded in medical
malpractice cases if gross negligence is found.

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