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HOUSE BILL 3047

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By Representatives Conway, Simpson, G., Chase and Ormsby

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1            AN ACT Relating to health care services; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 70.14 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.14 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            Any applicant for state purchased health care benefits under  
7 chapter 74.09 or 70.47 RCW shall identify the employer or employers of  
8 the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. In the event the  
9 proposed beneficiary is not employed, the applicant shall identify the  
10 employer or employers of any adult who is responsible for providing all  
11 or some of the proposed beneficiary's support.

12            As used in this section, "proposed beneficiary" means any person  
13 who files an application for benefits for himself or herself; or any  
14 other person on whose behalf an application is filed, including, but  
15 not limited to, children or other dependents of the applicant or other  
16 individual for whom the application is filed.

17            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 A person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital shall identify  
2 the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health  
3 care services. In the event the proposed beneficiary is not employed,  
4 the person shall identify the employer or employers of any adult who is  
5 responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's  
6 support.

7 As used in this section, "proposed beneficiary" means any person  
8 who seeks uncompensated care for himself or herself; or any other  
9 person on whose behalf uncompensated care is requested, including, but  
10 not limited to, children or other dependents of the person for whom the  
11 request is made.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.14 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 On or before February 1st of each year, the department of social  
15 and health services and the health care authority shall provide the  
16 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives a  
17 report listing all employers identified through the application  
18 requirements of section 1 of this act. The report must include each  
19 company name, location, and the total number of their employees and  
20 dependents who are enrolled in each state funded health care program.  
21 No other information regarding program beneficiaries may be included in  
22 this report. The report must also be made available to the public.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 On or before February 1st of each year, the department shall  
26 provide the appropriate committees of the senate and house of  
27 representatives a report listing all employers identified under section  
28 2 of this act. The report must include each company name, location,  
29 and the total number of their employees and dependents who requested  
30 uncompensated care at a hospital. No other information regarding  
31 persons seeking uncompensated care in a hospital may be included in  
32 this report. The report must also be made available to the public.

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