
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5885

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette and Deccio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the distribution of funds to community health
2 clinics; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that community health
6 clinics are critical to providing preventive services and medical
7 treatment, including prescription drugs, to low-income people in
8 Washington, and that the state should continue to support these
9 clinics. However, it is also essential that we protect the viability
10 of our private health care providers, who are also fundamental to the
11 health of our population and, especially in rural areas, the economic
12 well-being of our communities. It is the intent of the legislature
13 that community health clinics complement, and not compete with, private
14 health care services.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The authority shall distribute funds to a community health clinic
18 that provides its patients with outpatient prescription drugs covered

1 by section 340B of the public health services act only: (1) If the
2 clinic has in effect a contract for pharmacy service between itself and
3 a local retail pharmacy; or (2) upon proof that there is no retail
4 pharmacy within ten miles of the clinic able and willing to contract
5 with the clinic to provide pharmacy services.

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