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Sponsor(s): Representatives Campbell and Cody

Brief Description: Enacting the health facility quality assurance and patient protection act.

**HB 1066 - DIGEST**

Finds and declares that it is in the interest of the public health and safety to assure access to quality facility-based health care services that minimizes risks to patient safety.

Declares that quality assurance includes the ability of the state to redress risks to patient safety effectively and efficiently with a rapid remediation system that operates in tandem with a broad range of remedies for correcting defective hospital health care services.

Finds that the availability of a cooperative rapid remediation system in lieu of sanctions offers a prudent opportunity to address health and safety problems that minimizes risks to patient safety and avoids the delays and inconveniences of the formal sanctioning process.

Provides that this act applies only to those facilities or services specified.

Does not apply to a facility or service not specifically cited.

Declares that the facilities or services covered by this act are: (1) Acute care hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW; (2) Psychiatric hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW; and (3) Alcohol and chemical dependency hospitals licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW.