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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance
(originally sponsored by Representatives Flannigan, Delvin, Kirby,
Moeller, Lovick, Lantz, G. Simpson, Shabro, Edwards and Kagi)

Brief Description: Preventing denial of insurance coverage for
injuries caused by narcotic or alcohol use.

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(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)

Finds that an alcohol or drug-related injury that requires treatment in an emergency department can be a critical moment in the life of a person with a substance abuse problem. Studies have demonstrated that appropriate interventions by hospital staff at these times can reduce substance abuse and lower future health care costs.

Provides that an insurer may not deny coverage for the treatment of an injury solely because the injury was sustained as a consequence of the insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic.

Repeals RCW 48.20.272.