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Brief Description: Revising medical quality assurance commission membership and investigatory authority and requiring health care provider information be provided on the internet.

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Authorizes the commission to initiate an investigation and disciplinary proceedings under chapter 18.130 RCW against any physician based upon any information contained in a report received under this act.

Requires the commission to conduct a full investigation of the circumstances underlying any case where reports received under this act demonstrate that a physician has three or more claims within a five-year period and each claim equals at least fifty thousand dollars.

Directs the department to establish and maintain an electronic health care provider locator system to allow the public to use the internet to locate and access data regarding credentialed health care providers in Washington.

Provides that, with respect to both the design of the web site and the information provided on the web site, the system shall facilitate, to the greatest extent practicable, the ability of health care consumers and others to obtain information related to the qualifications or competence of health care providers.