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Sponsor(s): Senators Winsley, Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Keiser and Shin

Brief Description: Modifying payment amounts for nursing care services.

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Declares that the nursing pool providing employees or referring independent contractors to a nursing facility shall not bill or receive payments from the nursing facility at a rate higher than one hundred thirty-five percent of the weighted average wage rate, in the county in which the nursing facility is located, for nursing facility employees of like classification.

Provides that each county's weighted average wage rate for employee classifications, which includes related taxes and benefits, must be determined by the department of social and health services using the most recent and available nursing facility cost reports required under chapter 74.46 RCW.