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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Jacobsen, Parlette, Kohl-Welles and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to injuries resulting from health care; adding a
2 new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Hospitals shall have in place policies to assure that, when
7 appropriate, information about unanticipated outcomes is provided to
8 patients or their families or any surrogate decision makers identified
9 pursuant to RCW 7.70.065. Notifications of unanticipated outcomes
10 under this section do not constitute an acknowledgement or admission of
11 liability, nor can the fact of notification or the content disclosed be
12 introduced as evidence in a civil action.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Beginning January 1, 2006, the department
14 shall, during the annual survey of a hospital, ensure that the policy
15 required in section 1 of this act is in place.

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