
SENATE BILL 5146

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By Senators Keiser, Parlette, Kastama and Brandland

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing confidential quality improvement
2 committee meetings, proceedings, and deliberations; and amending RCW
3 70.44.062.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.44.062 and 1985 c 166 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) All meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of the board of
8 commissioners, its staff or agents, concerning the granting, denial,
9 revocation, restriction, or other consideration of the status of the
10 clinical or staff privileges of a physician or other health care
11 provider as that term is defined in RCW 7.70.020, if such other
12 providers at the discretion of the district's commissioners are
13 considered for such privileges, shall be confidential and may be
14 conducted in executive session: PROVIDED, That the final action of the
15 board as to the denial, revocation, or restriction of clinical or staff
16 privileges of a physician or other health care provider as defined in
17 RCW 7.70.020 shall be done in public session.

18 (2) All meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of a quality
19 improvement committee established under RCW 4.24.250, 43.70.510, or

1 70.41.200 and all meetings, proceedings, and deliberations of the board
2 of commissioners, its staff or agents, to review the report or the
3 activities of a quality improvement committee established under RCW
4 4.24.250, 43.70.510, or 70.41.200 may, at the discretion of the quality
5 improvement committee or the board of commissioners, be confidential
6 and may be conducted in executive session. Any review conducted by the
7 board of commissioners, its staff or agents, shall be subject to the
8 same protections, limitations, and exemptions that apply to quality
9 improvement committee activities under RCW 4.24.240, 4.24.250,
10 43.70.510, and 70.41.200. However, any final action of the board of
11 commissioners on the report of the quality improvement committee shall
12 be done in public session.

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