

HB 1710 - DIGEST

Requires each hospital and nursing home to compile and post in a visible and accessible manner and location of the patient care area of each unit of the hospital the following information regarding each unit and shift: (1) The number of registered nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW providing direct patient care and the ratio of patients to registered nurses;

(2) The number of licensed practical nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW providing direct patient care and the ratio of patients to licensed practical nurses;

(3) The number of nursing assistants certified or registered under chapter 18.88A RCW providing direct patient care and the ratio of patients to nursing assistants;

(4) The number of other credentialed health care providers providing direct patient care to meet any state or federal staffing requirements; and

(5) The methods used by the hospital for determining and adjusting direct patient care staffing levels.