(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to establish a system to accurately monitor the incidence of hepatitis C in the state of Washington for the purposes of understanding, controlling, and reducing its occurrence, and directing appropriate resources to its treatment. To accomplish this, the legislature has determined that hepatitis C cases shall be reported to the department of health, and that a statewide population-based hepatitis C registry shall be established. To encourage primary and secondary prevention activities, a comprehensive hepatitis C awareness and education campaign shall also be established.