

**SB 5509-S - DIGEST**

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Recognizes that Washington citizens desire and receive health care and treatment from a variety of professional providers.

Recognizes that some health care providers have used the professional disciplinary process as a means of attacking other health care providers. In order to prevent unwarranted attacks on other health care providers where the health of the patient is not at risk, the legislature is making changes in the uniform disciplinary act to ensure that all complaints against health care providers are grounded in real harm to the patient rather than mere disagreement about the type of treatment provided.