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By Senators Keiser, Becker

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1 On page 1, line 12 of the amendment, after "facility." insert
2 "Hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW may fulfill this
3 requirement by providing a statement and contact information as
4 described in RCW 70.41.400."

5 On page 1, line 16 of the amendment, after "insurer's" strike
6 "negotiated"

7 On page 1, line 18 of the amendment, after "(3)" strike "providers"
8 and insert "Except for hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW,
9 providers"

10 On page 1, after line 22 of the amendment, insert the following:

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Hospitals licensed under this chapter shall provide notice to
14 patients undergoing scheduled elective procedures containing at least
15 the following language: "You may request information about the
16 estimated charges of your hospital services. Please do not hesitate to
17 ask for information." "

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18 On page 2, line 2 of the title amendment, after "insert" strike the
19 remainder of the title amendment and insert "adding a new section to

1 chapter 70.01 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW."

EFFECT: Modifies requirements for hospitals; removes requirement for insurers to provide information on negotiated charges; inserts a new section requiring hospitals to provide a statement to patients undergoing elective procedures.

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