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HOUSE BILL 1869

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By Representatives Bailey, Hinkle, Anderson, Ericksen, and Kelley

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1            AN ACT Relating to transparency of health care cost information;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 70.01 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) All fees and charges for health care services and procedures  
7 shall be disclosed by a health care provider licensed under Title 18  
8 RCW or facility licensed under Title 70 RCW, upon request of a patient.

9            (2) Providers may, after disclosing charges and fees to a patient,  
10 refer the patient to the patient's insurer for specific information on  
11 the insurer's negotiated charges and fees for services and procedures,  
12 and any cost-sharing responsibilities required of the patient.

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