
HOUSE BILL 2159

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By Representatives Cody and Seaquist; by request of Health Care Authority
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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state quality forum; amending RCW
2 70.56.030; and repealing RCW 41.05.029.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.56.030 and 2007 c 259 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall:

7 (a) Receive and investigate, where necessary, notifications and
8 reports of adverse events, including root cause analyses and corrective
9 action plans submitted as part of reports, and communicate to
10 individual facilities the department's conclusions, if any, regarding
11 an adverse event reported by a facility; and

12 (b) ~~((Provide to the Washington state quality forum established in
13 RCW 41.05.029 such information from the adverse health events and
14 incidents reports made under this chapter as the department and the
15 Washington state quality forum determine will assist in the Washington
16 state quality forum's research regarding health care quality, evidence-
17 based medicine, and patient safety. Any shared information must be
18 aggregated and not identify an individual medical facility. As~~

1 ~~determined by the department and the Washington state quality forum,~~
2 ~~selected shared information may be disseminated on the Washington state~~
3 ~~quality forum's web site and through other appropriate means; and~~

4 (e)) Adopt rules as necessary to implement this chapter.

5 (2) The department may enforce the reporting requirements of RCW
6 70.56.020 using its existing enforcement authority provided in chapter
7 18.46 RCW for childbirth centers, chapter 70.41 RCW for hospitals, and
8 chapter 71.12 RCW for psychiatric hospitals.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.05.029 (Washington state quality
10 forum--Established--Duties) and 2007 c 259 s 9 are each repealed.

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