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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5725**

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**State of Washington                      61st Legislature                      2009 Regular Session**

**By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Keiser)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/20/09.

1            AN ACT Relating to organ transplant lifetime limits; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 48.43 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 48.43 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) A health benefit plan that is issued or renewed on or after  
7 January 1, 2010, and that provides coverage for organ and tissue  
8 transplants, may not permit a separate lifetime limit on transplants of  
9 any less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars. Benefits provided  
10 are subject to all other terms and conditions of the health benefit  
11 plan, including but not limited to any applicable coinsurances,  
12 deductibles, and copayments.

13            (2) "Organ transplant" means the same as defined under the  
14 applicable health benefit plan.

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