

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5149

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring the department of health to collect current and past employment information in the cancer registry program.

Sponsors: Senators Keiser, Becker, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Conway and Kline.

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: The Department of Health (DOH) maintains a statewide cancer database to monitor the incidence of cancer in the state. Health care facilities, independent clinical laboratories, and other principal health care providers must identify and report cases of cancer. Information collected through the cancer registry system is used by medical, research and public health professionals to understand, control, and reduce occurrences of cancer in Washington residents. If the information is available in the patient record, patient demographic information as described in DOH rule must be reported to the database; this includes information on the usual occupation of the patient.

Summary: A cancer patient's usual occupation must be reported to the cancer registry. If the patient is retired, the primary occupation of the patient before retirement must be reported.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	93	0

Effective: July 22, 2011.

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