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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting of compensation for certain hospital
2 employees; and amending RCW 43.70.052.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.052 and 1995 c 267 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) To promote the public interest consistent with the purposes of
7 chapter 492, Laws of 1993 as amended by chapter 267, Laws of 1995, the
8 department shall continue to require hospitals to submit hospital
9 financial and patient discharge information, which shall be collected,
10 maintained, analyzed, and disseminated by the department. The
11 department shall, if deemed cost-effective and efficient, contract with
12 a private entity for any or all parts of data collection. Data
13 elements shall be reported in conformance with a uniform reporting
14 system established by the department. This includes data elements
15 identifying each hospital's revenues, expenses, contractual allowances,
16 charity care, bad debt, other income, total units of inpatient and
17 outpatient services, and other financial and employee compensation
18 information reasonably necessary to fulfill the purposes of this
19 section. Data elements relating to use of hospital services by

1 patients shall be the same as those currently compiled by hospitals
2 through inpatient discharge abstracts. The department shall encourage
3 and permit reporting by electronic transmission or hard copy as is
4 practical and economical to reporters.

5 (2) In identifying financial reporting requirements, the department
6 may require both annual reports and condensed quarterly reports from
7 hospitals, so as to achieve both accuracy and timeliness in reporting,
8 but shall craft such requirements with due regard of the data reporting
9 burdens of hospitals.

10 (3) In identifying employee compensation reporting requirements,
11 the department shall require that each nonprofit hospital or public
12 hospital district annually report the compensation paid to the chief
13 executive officer and the ten highest paid hospital employees who do
14 not have any direct patient responsibilities. The report shall be
15 based upon actual compensation amounts and types received during the
16 prior calendar year and shall include a description of the
17 responsibilities of each employee in the report. The term
18 "compensation" includes payment in all forms including, but not limited
19 to, salary and wages, contributions to retirement plans and savings
20 accounts, deferred compensation arrangements, expense reimbursements,
21 incentive payments, and other benefits of value.

22 (4) The health care data collected, maintained, and studied by the
23 department shall only be available for retrieval in original or
24 processed form to public and private requestors and shall be available
25 within a reasonable period of time after the date of request. The cost
26 of retrieving data for state officials and agencies shall be funded
27 through the state general appropriation. The cost of retrieving data
28 for individuals and organizations engaged in research or private use of
29 data or studies shall be funded by a fee schedule developed by the
30 department that reflects the direct cost of retrieving the data or
31 study in the requested form.

32 ((+4)) (5) The department shall, in consultation and collaboration
33 with the federally recognized tribes, urban or other Indian health
34 service organizations, and the federal area Indian health service,
35 design, develop, and maintain an American Indian-specific health data,
36 statistics information system. The department rules regarding
37 confidentiality shall apply to safeguard the information from
38 inappropriate use or release.

1 (~~(+5)~~) (6) All persons subject to the data collection requirements
2 of this section shall comply with departmental requirements established
3 by rule in the acquisition of data.

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