

SSB 5145 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.14.090 and 2006 c 307 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A health technology clinical committee is established, to  
6 include the following eleven members appointed by the administrator  
7 in consultation with participating state agencies:

8 (a) Six practicing physicians licensed under chapter 18.57 or  
9 18.71 RCW; and

10 (b) Five other practicing licensed health professionals who use  
11 health technology in their scope of practice.

12 (i) At least two members of the committee must have professional  
13 experience treating women, children, elderly persons, and people with  
14 diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.

15 (ii) At least one member of the committee must be appointed from  
16 nominations submitted by a statewide organization representing  
17 nonspecialty allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

18 (2) In addition, any rotating clinical expert selected to advise  
19 the committee on a health technology must be a nonvoting member of  
20 the committee.

21 (3) Members of the committee:

22 (a) Shall not contract with or be employed by a health technology  
23 manufacturer or a participating agency during their term or for  
24 eighteen months before their appointment. As a condition of  
25 appointment, each person shall agree to the terms and conditions  
26 imposed by the administrator regarding conflicts of interest;

27 (b) Are immune from civil liability for any official acts  
28 performed in good faith as members of the committee; and

29 (c) Shall be compensated for participation in the work of the  
30 committee in accordance with a personal services contract to be  
31 executed after appointment and before commencement of activities  
32 related to the work of the committee.

33 ~~((+3))~~ (4) Meetings of the committee and any advisory group are  
34 subject to chapter 42.30 RCW, the open public meetings act, including

1 RCW 42.30.110(1)(1), which authorizes an executive session during a  
2 regular or special meeting to consider proprietary or confidential  
3 nonpublished information.

4 ~~((4))~~ (5) Neither the committee nor any advisory group is an  
5 agency for purposes of chapter 34.05 RCW.

6 ~~((5))~~ (6) The health care authority shall provide  
7 administrative support to the committee and any advisory group, and  
8 may adopt rules governing their operation."

9 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires that at least one member of the Health  
Technology Clinical Committee (Committee) be appointed from  
nominations submitted by a statewide organization representing  
nonspecialty allopathic and osteopathic physicians. Removes the  
requirement that at least one member of the Committee be a medical  
expert in the technology under consideration and be appointed by the  
Washington State Medical Association.

Requires that any rotating clinical expert selected to advise the  
Committee on a health technology be a nonvoting member of the  
Committee.

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