
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5145

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Frockt, Becker, Bailey, Rivers, and Brown)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the health technology clinical committee
2 membership and rotating experts; and amending RCW 70.14.090.

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

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

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

9 (a) Six practicing physicians licensed under chapter 18.57 or
10 18.71 RCW; and

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

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

16 (ii) At least one member of the committee must be appointed from
17 nominations submitted by the Washington state medical association or
18 the Washington state osteopathic medical association.

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

1 (3) Members of the committee:

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

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

9 (c) Shall be compensated for participation in the work of the
10 committee in accordance with a personal services contract to be
11 executed after appointment and before commencement of activities
12 related to the work of the committee.

13 ~~((3))~~ (4) Meetings of the committee and any advisory group are
14 subject to chapter 42.30 RCW, the open public meetings act, including
15 RCW 42.30.110(1)(1), which authorizes an executive session during a
16 regular or special meeting to consider proprietary or confidential
17 nonpublished information.

18 ~~((4))~~ (5) Neither the committee nor any advisory group is an
19 agency for purposes of chapter 34.05 RCW.

20 ~~((5))~~ (6) The health care authority shall provide
21 administrative support to the committee and any advisory group, and
22 may adopt rules governing their operation.

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