
SENATE BILL 5770

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By Senators Frockt, Keiser, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Ranker, and Jayapal

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1 AN ACT Relating to patient-provider protection; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 70.01 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 70.01
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A health care facility that employs a health care provider,
7 provides staff privileges to a health care provider, or enters into
8 any contractual agreement with a health care provider, may not limit
9 or prohibit a health care provider's safe, timely, effective,
10 efficient, patient-centered, equitable, evidence-based, and medically
11 accurate patient care.

12 (2) For purposes of this section, "patient care" means all
13 aspects of the health care provider's interaction with the patient,
14 including the provision of information, referrals, and clinical care.

15 (3) Nothing in this section supersedes the professional standards
16 of care to which health care providers are expected to adhere.

17 (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to interfere with
18 the ability of health care facilities to limit health services for
19 financial reasons.

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