

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5693

64th Legislature
2015 Regular Session

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Yeas 47 Nays 1

President of the Senate

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Yeas 89 Nays 8

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5693** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Miloscia, Darneille, Fraser, and O'Ban; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Read first time 01/29/15. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the costs of state health care
2 expenses for residents committed to the special commitment center
3 operated by the department of social and health services; and
4 amending RCW 71.09.085.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.09.085 and 2002 c 58 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the secretary
9 may enter into contracts with health care practitioners, health care
10 facilities, and other entities or agents as may be necessary to
11 provide basic medical care to residents. The contracts shall not
12 cause the termination of classified employees of the department
13 rendering the services at the time the contract is executed.

14 (2) In contracting for services, the secretary is authorized to
15 provide for indemnification of health care practitioners who cannot
16 obtain professional liability insurance through reasonable effort,
17 from liability on any action, claim, or proceeding instituted against
18 them arising out of the good faith performance or failure of
19 performance of services on behalf of the department. The contracts
20 may provide that for the purposes of chapter 4.92 RCW only, those

1 health care practitioners with whom the department has contracted
2 shall be considered state employees.

3 (3) To the extent that federal law allows and financial
4 participation is available, the secretary or secretary's designee is
5 authorized to act on behalf of a civilly committed resident for the
6 purposes of applying for medicare and medicaid benefits, veterans
7 health benefits, or other health care benefits or reimbursement
8 available as a result of participation in a health care exchange as
9 defined by the affordable care act.

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