

HB 2448-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises the definition of "East Asian medicine," for purposes of chapter 18.06 RCW (East Asian medicine practitioners), to expand the definition of "point injection therapy" to include injection of substances, limited to saline, sterile water, herbs, minerals, vitamins in liquid form, and homeopathic and nutritional substances, consistent with the practice of East Asian medicine.

States that point injection therapy does not include injection of controlled substances contained in schedules I through V of the uniform controlled substances act or steroids.

Revises the definition of "practitioner," for purposes of chapter 69.41 RCW (legend drugs--prescription drugs), to include East Asian medicine practitioners to the extent authorized under chapter 18.06 RCW.

Requires the department of health, in consultation with the East Asian medicine advisory committee, to establish by rule the definition of "point injection therapy" and adopt rules regarding substances administered as part of point injection therapy consistent with the practice of East Asian medicine.

Requires an East Asian medicine practitioner, before providing point injection therapy services, to obtain the education and training necessary to provide the service.