
SENATE BILL 6580

State of Washington

65th Legislature

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By Senator Rolfes

1 AN ACT Relating to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing;
2 creating a new section; and repealing RCW 70.24.330 and 70.24.335.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that great advances
5 have been made in medical technology and treatment of the human
6 immunodeficiency virus (HIV). HIV is treatable and a person living
7 with HIV can lead a relatively healthy life, if they have access to
8 health care and are able to achieve viral suppression. Additionally,
9 if a person's virus is undetectable, he or she is unable to transmit
10 the virus. It is critical that people are tested for HIV. Therefore,
11 the legislature finds that any and all barriers to HIV testing must
12 be removed.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are
14 each repealed:

15 (1) RCW 70.24.330 (HIV testing—Consent, exceptions) and 1988 c
16 206 s 702; and

17 (2) RCW 70.24.335 (HIV testing—Opt-out screening) and 2016 c 60 s
18 2.

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