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**HOUSE BILL 1686**

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**By** Representatives Macri, Cody, Robinson, Riccelli, Slatter, Jinkins, and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospital access to care policies; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 70.41 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 70.41  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) By September 1, 2019, every hospital must submit to the  
7 department its policies related to access to care regarding:

8 (a) Admission;

9 (b) Nondiscrimination;

10 (c) End of life care; and

11 (d) Reproductive health care.

12 (2) The department shall post a copy of the policies received  
13 under subsection (1) of this section on its web site.

14 (3) If a hospital makes changes to any of the policies listed  
15 under subsection (1) of this section, it must submit a copy of the  
16 changed policy to the department within thirty days after the  
17 hospital approves the changes.

18 (4) A hospital must post a copy of the policies provided to the  
19 department under subsection (1) of this section to the hospital's own  
20 web site in a location where the policies are readily accessible to  
21 the public without a required login or other restriction.

1           (5) By September 1, 2019, the department shall review submitted  
2 policies and develop a form to be used by hospitals to submit the  
3 policies required in subsection (1) of this section. The form must  
4 provide the public with specific information about what services are  
5 and are not performed at each hospital.

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