

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5420

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Health & Long Term Care, February 12, 2021

**Title:** An act relating to data reporting requirements for hospitals.

**Brief Description:** Concerning data reporting requirements for hospitals.

**Sponsors:** Senators Muzzall, Schoesler and Warnick.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long Term Care: 2/10/21, 2/12/21 [DPS, DNP].

**Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill**

- Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to review and issue a report on all state and federal hospital reporting requirements.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5420 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Cleveland, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Holy, Keiser, Padden, Rivers, Robinson, Van De Wege and Wilson, J.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Conway and Randall.

**Staff:** Ricci Crinzi (786-7253)

**Background:** The Department of Health licenses and regulates acute care and psychiatric health hospitals. Hospitals are required to report to state agencies on a variety of items including adverse events, unprofessional conduct, events that affect the operation and maintenance of the facility, certain communicable diseases, healthcare associated infections,

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as well as financial, discharge, and admission data.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):** By November 1, 2022, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy must conduct a comprehensive review of all state and federal data or information reporting obligations on acute care and psychiatric hospitals in Washington State and submit a report with its finding to the Department of Health, and the appropriate committees of the Legislature. At a minimum, the report must:

- identify all state and federal data or information reporting requirements for hospitals and determine if any of the requirements are duplicative;
- identify ways to streamline hospital data and information reporting requirements;
- determine if state reporting requirements are public; and
- identify state data or information reporting requirements that should be subject to further review.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE (First Substitute):**

- Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to review all state and federal data or information reporting obligations on acute care and psychiatric hospitals in Washington State and submit a report by November 1, 2022, to the Department of Health and the Legislature identifying the reporting obligations.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available. New fiscal note requested on February 12, 2021.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: Hospitals are required to report data to the state and federal government. Since COVID-19, reporting requirements have increased and hospitals are required to report more information every day. A short term moratorium on new data reporting requirements is requested.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Ron Muzzall, Prime Sponsor; Christy Remedios, Washington State Hospital Association; Zosia Stanley, Washington State Hospital Association.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.