CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5070**

Chapter 108, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

NONFATAL STRANGULATION VICTIMS—MEDICAL EXAM COSTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2023

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| Passed by the Senate February 27, 2023  Yeas 48 Nays 0  DENNY HECK  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House April 6, 2023  Yeas 96 Nays 0  LAURIE JINKINS  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5070** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  SARAH BANNISTER  Secretary |
| Approved April 20, 2023 9:58 AM | April 21, 2023 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Nobles, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Nguyen, and C. Wilson

AN ACT Relating to victims of nonfatal strangulation; amending RCW 7.68.803; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 7.68.803 and 2021 c 269 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical facility for the examination of the victim of domestic violence assault involving nonfatal strangulation, when such examination is performed for the purposes of gathering evidence for possible prosecution, shall be billed or charged directly or indirectly to the victim of such assault. Such costs shall be paid by the state pursuant to this chapter.

(2) The department must notify the office of financial management and the fiscal committees of the legislature if it projects that the cost of services provided under this section exceeds the amount of funding provided by the legislature solely for the purposes of this section.

((~~(3) No later than October 1, 2022, the department shall report to the legislature the following information for fiscal year 2022:~~

~~(a) The number, type, and amount of claims received by victims of suspected nonfatal strangulation, with a subtotal of claims that also involved sexual assault;~~

~~(b) The number, type, and amount of claims paid for victims of suspected nonfatal strangulation, with a subtotal of claims that also involved sexual assault; and~~

~~(c) The number of police reports filed by victims of suspected nonfatal strangulation who received services under this section.~~

~~(4) This section expires June 30, 2023.~~))

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect June 30, 2023.

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