

ESB 5592 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

NOT CONSIDERED 01/02/2024

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The owner of a fitness center shall acquire and maintain at
6 least one semiautomatic external defibrillator on premises.

7 (2) The fitness center must comply with the requirements of RCW
8 70.54.310, including instruction of personnel on the use of the
9 defibrillator, maintenance of the defibrillator, and notification of
10 the local emergency medical services organization about the location
11 of the defibrillator.

12 (3) An employee of a fitness center who has completed the
13 instruction required under RCW 70.54.310 may render emergency care or
14 treatment using a semiautomatic external defibrillator on the fitness
15 center premises.

16 (4) A person who uses a semiautomatic external defibrillator at
17 the scene of an emergency is immune from civil liability pursuant to
18 RCW 70.54.310.

19 (5)(a) "Fitness center" means any premises used for recreation,
20 instruction, training, physical exercise, body building, weight loss,
21 figure development, martial arts, or other similar activity, that
22 offers access on a membership basis.

23 (b) "Fitness center" does not include: (i) Public common schools,
24 private schools approved under RCW 28A.195.010, and public or private
25 institutions of higher education; and (ii) private facilities
26 operated out of a home that do not offer memberships.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2025."

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the provision establishing that certain nonprofit
organizations are exempt from the requirements relating to

defibrillators until January 1, 2025. Removes the requirement that the Department of Commerce establish a grant program for the purpose of assisting fitness centers with complying with the requirements of acquiring and maintaining at least one semiautomatic external defibrillator. Establishes an effective date of January 1, 2025.

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