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**SENATE BILL 5169**

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**By** Senators Hunt and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care plans administered by the health  
2 care authority that are available to medicare eligible retirees;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and creating a new  
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The public employees' benefits board must allow medicare eligible  
9 retirees access to the uniform medical plan classic medicare.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislature recognizes that the  
11 health care authority, consistent with the public employees' benefits  
12 board resolution 2022-16, will consult with active employees and  
13 retirees, by conducting listening sessions and facilitating public  
14 forums, to gather feedback about member needs and to explore more  
15 affordable government self-insured plans with benefits that are equal  
16 to or richer than uniform medical plan classic medicare. As such, the  
17 legislature intends that the results of stakeholder engagements will  
18 be used to inform future health care plan selection.

1           (2) By December 1, 2023, the authority must report to the  
2 legislature with its findings of the stakeholder engagements in  
3 subsection (1) of this section.

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