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1 AN ACT Relating to criteria for the issuance of a certificate of  
2 need for certain cardiac care services; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 70.38 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.38 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 To promote the stability of Washington's cardiac care delivery  
8 system, by July 1, 2008, the department of health shall adopt rules  
9 establishing criteria for the issuance of a certificate of need under  
10 this chapter for the performance of elective percutaneous coronary  
11 interventions at hospitals that do not otherwise provide on-site  
12 cardiac surgery.

13 Prior to initiating rule making, the department shall contract for  
14 an independent evidence-based review of the circumstances under which  
15 elective percutaneous coronary interventions should be allowed in  
16 Washington at hospitals that do not otherwise provide on-site cardiac  
17 surgery. The review shall address, at a minimum, factors related to  
18 access to care, patient safety, quality outcomes, costs, and the  
19 stability of Washington's cardiac care delivery system and of existing

1 cardiac care providers. The department shall consider the results of  
2 this review, and any associated recommendations, in adopting these  
3 rules.

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