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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2725**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer and Cody; by request of Governor Lowry)

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1 AN ACT Relating to financing of expenses for hospital data  
2 collection and reporting; and amending RCW 70.170.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.170.080 and 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 925 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 The basic expenses for the hospital data collection and reporting  
7 activities of this chapter shall be financed through the general fund  
8 effective July 1, 1996. Any funds remaining in the hospital commission  
9 account after June 30, 1996, shall be transferred to the general fund  
10 and the hospital commission account is eliminated. If specific funding  
11 through the general fund is not provided, the data collection expenses  
12 shall be financed by an assessment against hospitals of no more than  
13 four one-hundredths of one percent of each hospital's gross operating  
14 costs(~~(, to be levied and collected from and after that date, upon~~  
15 ~~which the similar assessment levied under chapter 70.39 RCW is~~  
16 ~~terminated, for the provision of hospital services for its last fiscal~~  
17 ~~year)) incurred during its fiscal year ending on or before June 30th of  
18 the preceding calendar year. Budgetary requirements in excess of that  
19 limit must be financed by a general fund appropriation by the~~

1 legislature. All moneys collected under this section shall be  
2 deposited by the state treasurer in the hospital data collection  
3 account which is hereby created in the state treasury. The department  
4 may also charge, receive, and dispense funds or authorize any  
5 contractor or outside sponsor to charge for and reimburse the costs  
6 associated with special studies as specified in RCW 70.170.050.

7 (~~During the 1993-1995 fiscal biennium,~~) Moneys in the hospital  
8 data collection account may be expended, pursuant to appropriation, for  
9 hospital data collection, maintenance, analysis, and dissemination and  
10 the administration of the health information program.

11 Any amounts raised by the collection of assessments from hospitals  
12 provided for in this section which are not required to meet  
13 appropriations in the budget act for the current fiscal year shall be  
14 available to the department in succeeding years.

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