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SENATE BILL 6449

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

1 general fund appropriation by the legislature. All moneys collected  
2 under this section shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the  
3 hospital data collection account which is hereby created in the state  
4 treasury. The department may also charge, receive, and dispense funds  
5 or authorize any contractor or outside sponsor to charge for and  
6 reimburse the costs associated with special studies as specified in RCW  
7 70.170.050.

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

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

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