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Sponsor(s): Senators Wojahn, Deccio, Franklin, Winsley, Costa, McAuliffe, Kline and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Making modifications to the home health, hospice, and home care agency licensure law.

SB 5499 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the department of health to submit a report to the health care committees of the legislature with recommendations for any changes needed to the home health, hospice, and home care licensure law, chapter 70.127 RCW, in order to allow the department to regulate this fast-growing and evolving industry. The report, at a minimum, shall specifically address the following questions: (1) Does the scope of the licensure law need to be revised in order to enhance protection for persons receiving home health, hospice, and home care services?

(2) does the department of health need additional compliance strategies in order to provide protection for persons receiving home health, hospice, and home care services?

(3) does chapter 70.126 RCW need to be retained in statute, or is it simply duplicative and confusing?

A report shall be submitted by November 1, 1999, together with any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement the findings and recommendations of the department of health. The department of health shall prepare the report with existing funds.