

5833-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Heavey, Fairley and Thibaudeau)

Brief Title: Regulating health care services decisions.

SB 5833-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that health carrier practices that unjustly delay or deny medically appropriate care and treatment to consumers are unconscionable. When consumers are facing serious, even life-threatening diseases or conditions, they are least able to fight with their health carrier in order to get access to needed health care and treatment.

Provides that, in order to protect Washington residents in need of medically necessary care and treatment, and to prevent inappropriate treatment delays or denials, the legislature finds it is necessary to enact the consumer protections set out in this act.