

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5207

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regulating DNA testing.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Franklin and Kohl-Welles).

**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**  
**House Committee on Health Care**

**Background:** The state Uniform Health Care Information Act governs the use, access and disclosure of patient health care information, by health care providers, patients, and third parties. Health care information includes any information, whether oral or recorded, that identifies a patient and directly relates to the patient's health care. There is no specific reference to a patient's DNA or deoxyribonucleic acid, a component of human body cells unique to an individual.

**Summary:** A patient's deoxyribonucleic acid and identified sequence of chemical base pairs is included in the definition of health care information.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	46	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	42	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** June 13, 2002