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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5514**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug and Keiser)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the health care facilities authority; and  
2 amending RCW 70.37.030.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.37.030 and 2002 c 91 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       There is hereby established a public body corporate and politic,  
7 with perpetual corporate succession, to be known as the Washington  
8 health care facilities authority. The authority shall constitute a  
9 political subdivision of the state established as an instrumentality  
10 exercising essential governmental functions. The authority is a  
11 "public body" within the meaning of RCW 39.53.010. The authority shall  
12 consist of the governor who shall serve as chairman, the lieutenant  
13 governor, the insurance commissioner, the secretary of health, and two  
14 members of the public representing consumer advocacy groups and one  
15 member of the public with no fiduciary interest or responsibility  
16 toward any health care facility or organization within seven years  
17 prior to appointment who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to  
18 confirmation by the senate, on the basis of the member's interest or  
19 expertise in health care delivery, for a term expiring on the fourth

1 anniversary of the date of appointment. In the event that any of the  
2 offices referred to shall be abolished the resulting vacancy on the  
3 authority shall be filled by the officer who shall succeed  
4 substantially to the powers and duties thereof. The members of the  
5 authority shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and  
6 shall be entitled to reimbursement, solely from the funds of the  
7 authority, for travel expenses incurred in the discharge of their  
8 duties under this chapter, subject to the provisions of RCW 43.03.050  
9 and 43.03.060. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

10 The governor and the insurance commissioner each may designate an  
11 employee of his or her office to act on his or her behalf during the  
12 absence of the governor or the insurance commissioner at one or more of  
13 the meetings of the authority. The vote of the designee shall have the  
14 same effect as if cast by the governor or the insurance commissioner if  
15 the designation is in writing and is presented to the person presiding  
16 at the meetings included within the designation.

17 The governor may designate a member to preside during the  
18 governor's absence.

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