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1 On page 2, beginning on line 12, after "(4)" strike all material
2 through "(6)" on line 31

3 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
4 internal references accordingly.

5 On page 2, beginning on line 38, after "assessments," strike all
6 material through "section," on line 40

7 On page 3, beginning on line 7, strike all of section 2 and
8 insert the following:

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington state institute for public
10 policy shall conduct a study to estimate the comparative costs to
11 each state hospital of adopting the Baldrige excellence framework.
12 The institute must examine the costs and resources associated with
13 undergoing Baldrige assessments, and applying for a national quality
14 award. The study must also include an examination of any estimated
15 performance improvements and cost savings associated with
16 implementation of the Baldrige framework compared to other recognized
17 quality management systems. The study also shall identify the
18 assessment questions most relevant to the state hospitals and the
19 questions that are not relevant, in order to promote the most
20 efficient use of state and federal resources. A report is due to the
21 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2017."

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22 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "and" strike the remainder
23 of the title and insert "creating a new section."

EFFECT: Removes the requirement for each hospital to complete a Baldrige assessment every two years, and the requirement to apply for a Baldrige National Quality Award. Requests the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to study and report back to the legislature regarding the Baldrige framework, completing the Baldrige assessments, and applying for a national quality award.

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