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1 On page 1, after line 2 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is
3 significant value in diligently combating the crime of driving under
4 the influence and promoting the safety of all persons using our
5 public roadways. The legislature also finds that phlebotomy, also
6 known as venipuncture, is a health care procedure that involves
7 removing blood from the body by making an incision in a vein with a
8 needle. The legislature finds further that the use of forensic
9 phlebotomy can be a useful tool when investigating whether a person
10 may be impaired while operating a motor vehicle. The legislature also
11 finds, however, that despite the value of forensic phlebotomy, both
12 motorists and law enforcement officers must be protected from the
13 potentially significant health risks inherent in allowing the
14 practice of phlebotomy without adequate and appropriate training, as
15 defined by the department of health."

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
17 internal references accordingly.

18 On page 33, beginning on line 32 of the amendment, after
19 "standards" strike all material through "employer" on line 33 and
20 insert "developed by the department of health"

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21 On page 36, line 5 of the title amendment, after "46.61.5055;"
22 strike all material through "RCW" and insert "adding a new section to
23 chapter 46.04 RCW; and creating a new section"

EFFECT: Makes legislative findings about: (1) The value of
forensic phlebotomy in combating the crime of driving under the
influence; and (2) the need for appropriate training of forensic

phlebotomists in order to protect against potentially significant health risks. Requires that the Department of Health, rather than individual local law enforcement agencies, establish the training and proficiency standards for forensic phlebotomists.

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