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HOUSE BILL 2588

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By Representatives Caldier, Appleton, Cody, Wylie, and Kloba

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing patients notice of facility fees  
2 charged by hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 70.02 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.02  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            Prior to the delivery of nonemergency outpatient services, a  
8 hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that charges a facility fee  
9 or an ambulatory surgical facility licensed under chapter 70.230 RCW  
10 that charges a facility fee shall provide written notice to the  
11 patient:

12            (1) That the hospital or ambulatory surgical facility charges a  
13 facility fee;

14            (2) The amount of the fee;

15            (3) That the patient may be able to obtain the same nonemergency  
16 outpatient services at another facility, such as a clinic or an  
17 ambulatory surgical facility, that does not charge the fee; and

1           (4) That, if the patient chooses to receive the services at  
2 another facility, he or she should ask the other facility whether it  
3 charges a facility fee.

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