

**2SSB 5432 - S AMD 194**

By Senator Braun

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1 On page 30, beginning on line 9, strike all of subsection (4) and  
2 insert the following:

3 "(4) No behavioral health administrative services organization  
4 may contract with itself as a behavioral health agency, or contract  
5 with a behavioral health agency that has administrative linkages to  
6 the behavioral health administrative services organization in any  
7 manner that would give the agency a competitive advantage in  
8 obtaining or competing for contracts, except that a county or group  
9 of counties may provide designated crisis responder services, initial  
10 crisis services, criminal diversion services, hospital reentry  
11 services, and criminal reentry services. The county-administered  
12 service must have a clear separation of powers and duties separate  
13 from a county-run behavioral health administrative services  
14 organization and suitable accounting procedures must be followed to  
15 ensure the funding is traceable and accounted for separately from  
16 other funds."

EFFECT: Prohibits a behavioral health administrative services organization (BH-ASO) from contracting with itself as a behavioral health agency, or contracting with a behavioral health agency that has administrative linkages to the BH-ASO in any manner that would give the agency a competitive advantage in obtaining or competing for contracts, except that a county or group of counties may provide designated crisis responder services, initial crisis services, criminal diversion services, hospital reentry services, and criminal reentry services if the county-administrated service has a clear separation of powers and duties separate from a county-run behavioral health administrative services organization and suitable accounting procedures to ensure the funding is traceable and accounted for separately from other funds.

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