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By Representatives Beck, Prentice, Paris, Betrozoff, Braddock, Wood, May, Cole and Brekke.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the medical disciplinary board; amending RCW
2 18.71.019; and adding a new section to chapter 18.71 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The medical disciplinary board shall not deny, limit, fail to renew
7 a physician's license, or take other disciplinary action against a
8 licensed physician in this state for professional incompetence on the
9 basis that the licensee's practice or prescribed treatment of a patient
10 is unconventional, investigational, or innovative medical practice
11 without a factual finding of demonstrable harm to the patient because
12 of that practice or treatment. The board shall make a finding of
13 professional incompetence under this section only upon substantial
14 evidence of demonstrable harm existing in the board's official record
15 of proceedings under RCW 18.71.060.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.71.019 and 1987 c 150 s 45 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs
4 unlicensed practice and the issuance and denial of licenses under this
5 chapter, subject to the terms of section 1 of this act.