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2 **ESHB 1046** - S AMD TO S AMD (S-3275.3/95) 403  
3 By Senators Franklin, Kohl, Heavey, Fairley, Prentice, Rasmussen  
4 and Fraser

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6 On page 30, after line 34 of the amendment, insert the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 The department of health in consultation with the nursing quality  
10 assurance commission under chapter 18.79 RCW may, within funds  
11 appropriated specifically for the purpose, study staffing plans for  
12 hospitals, including the relationship between staffing ratios and  
13 patient care needs. The department shall develop a report with any  
14 recommendations it chooses to make to the legislature regarding  
15 specific changes in state law regarding these matters."

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

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22 On page 33, line 26 of the title amendment, after "48.21 RCW;"  
23 insert "adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW;"

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