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1 AN ACT Relating to expert witnesses in actions under chapter 7.70
2 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 7.70 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 7.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In any action under this chapter, each side shall presumptively be
7 entitled to only one independent expert on an issue and only one
8 standard-of-care expert, except upon a showing of good cause. Where
9 there are multiple parties on a side and the parties cannot agree as to
10 which independent expert or standard-of-care expert will be called on
11 an issue, the court shall designate the expert to be called or, upon a
12 showing of good cause, may allow more than one independent expert or
13 standard-of-care expert to be called.

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