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By Senators Thibaudeau, Pflug, Deccio, Prentice, Esser, Winsley, Kline, Keiser and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to injuries resulting from health care; adding a
2 new section to chapter 7.70 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
3 70.41 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 7.70 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Every health care provider shall inform each patient, or an
8 individual identified pursuant to RCW 7.70.065(1), in person about
9 adverse incidents that result in serious harm to the patient.
10 Notification of outcomes of care that result in harm to the patient
11 under this section shall not constitute an acknowledgement or admission
12 of liability, nor can such notifications be introduced as evidence.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 An appropriately trained person designated by each hospital shall
16 inform each patient, or an individual identified pursuant to RCW
17 7.70.065(1), in person about adverse incidents that result in serious
18 harm to the patient. Notification of outcomes of care that result in

1 harm to the patient under this section shall not constitute an
2 acknowledgement or admission of liability, nor can it be introduced as
3 evidence.

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