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Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to parties liable for damages in actions under chapter 7.70 RCW.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent that health care providers should remain personally liable for their own negligent or wrongful acts or omissions in connection with the provision of health care services, but that their vicarious liability for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of others should be curtailed. To that end, it is the intent of the legislature that *Adamski v. Tacoma General Hospital*, 20 Wn. App. 98, 579 P.2d 970 (1978), and its holding that hospitals may be held liable for a physician's acts or omissions under so-called "apparent agency" or "ostensible agency" theories should be reversed, so that hospitals will not be liable for the act or omission of a health care provider granted hospital privileges unless the health care provider is an actual agent or employee of the hospital.