

5039-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Concerning hepatitis C.

SB 5039-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the secretary of health to design a state plan for education efforts concerning hepatitis C and the prevention and management of the disease by January 1, 2004.

Provides that the secretary of health shall develop the state plan described in this act only to the extent that, and for as long as, federal or private funds are available for that purpose, including grants. Funding for this act shall not come from state sources.

Requires the secretary of health to submit the completed state plan to the legislature by January 1, 2004. After the initial state plan is submitted, the department shall update the state plan biennially and shall submit the plan to the governor and make it available to other interested parties. The update and progress reports are due December 1, 2004, and every two years thereafter.

Provides that credentialed health care professionals listed in RCW 18.130.040 shall be deemed to be dislocated workers for the purpose of commissioner approval of training under RCW 50.20.043 if they are unemployed as a result of contracting hepatitis C in the course of employment and are unable to continue to work in their profession because of a significant risk that such work would pose to other persons and that risk cannot be eliminated.

Does not create a private right of action.