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Sponsor(s): Senators West and Brown

Brief Description: Soliciting demonstration projects that modify the basic health plan.

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Directs the administrator to solicit and approve applications from local organizations for demonstration projects for which the terms and conditions of chapter 70.47 RCW governing the design and operation of the basic health plan are modified.

Declares that modifications that the administrator may approve include, but are not limited to, those relating to eligibility standards, benefits design, and enrollee premiums and cost-sharing. Demonstration projects may also include applying basic health plan subsidy payments toward employer-sponsored health insurance or other health insurance premium shares rather than as payments to managed health care systems participating in the basic health plan.

Provides that the administrator may approve only applications for demonstration projects reasonably expected to provide benefits of comparable value, at the same cost to the state, to a greater number of persons than is provided by the standard basic health plan for the geographic area in which the demonstration project would be implemented on the date the application is received.