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By Senators Keiser, Becker, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Conway, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of health to collect  
2 current and past employment information in the cancer registry program;  
3 and amending RCW 70.54.240.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.54.240 and 1990 c 280 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department of health shall adopt rules as to which types of  
8 cancer shall be reported, who shall report, and the form and timing of  
9 the reports. A patient's usual occupation or, if the patient is  
10 retired, the primary occupation of the patient before retirement must  
11 be reported.

12 (2) Every health care facility and independent clinical laboratory,  
13 and those physicians or others providing health care who diagnose or  
14 treat any patient with cancer who is not hospitalized within one month  
15 of diagnosis, will provide the contractor with the information required  
16 under subsection (1) of this section. The required information may be  
17 collected on a regional basis where such a system exists and forwarded  
18 to the contractor in a form suitable for the purposes of RCW 70.54.230  
19 through 70.54.270. Such reporting arrangements shall be reduced to a

1 written agreement between the contractor and any regional reporting  
2 agency which shall detail the manner, form, and timeliness of the  
3 reporting.

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