

**SSB 5179 - S AMD 60**  
By Senator Padden

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1 On page 6, after line 20, insert the following:  
2 "(4) The department of health shall contract with an independent  
3 organization specializing in the protection of the rights of people  
4 with disabilities, which organization shall confirm, before a patient  
5 is qualified under this chapter, that the patient is not a person  
6 with disabilities who is being coerced into providing their assent to  
7 ingesting medication to end his or her life and that all required  
8 information is provided in compliance with the department of health's  
9 reporting requirements. The independent organization shall be  
10 provided with access to the relevant records in the possession of the  
11 department of health, subject to a requirement that the independent  
12 organization shall certify that it will not disclose potentially  
13 identifying information for any case complying with the provisions of  
14 this chapter."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Health to contract with an independent organization to confirm that before a patient is qualified, the patient is not a person with disabilities who is being coerced into providing their assent to ingesting medication to end his or her life.

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