

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5070

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68th Legislature
2023 Regular Session

NONFATAL STRANGULATION VICTIMS—MEDICAL EXAM COSTS

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2023

Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved April 20, 2023 9:58 AM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5070** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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April 21, 2023

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Nobles, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Nguyen, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to victims of nonfatal strangulation; amending
2 RCW 7.68.803; providing an effective date; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.68.803 and 2021 c 269 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) No costs incurred by a hospital or other emergency medical
8 facility for the examination of the victim of domestic violence
9 assault involving nonfatal strangulation, when such examination is
10 performed for the purposes of gathering evidence for possible
11 prosecution, shall be billed or charged directly or indirectly to the
12 victim of such assault. Such costs shall be paid by the state
13 pursuant to this chapter.

14 (2) The department must notify the office of financial management
15 and the fiscal committees of the legislature if it projects that the
16 cost of services provided under this section exceeds the amount of
17 funding provided by the legislature solely for the purposes of this
18 section.

19 ~~((3) No later than October 1, 2022, the department shall report~~
20 ~~to the legislature the following information for fiscal year 2022:~~

1 ~~(a) The number, type, and amount of claims received by victims of~~
2 ~~suspected nonfatal strangulation, with a subtotal of claims that also~~
3 ~~involved sexual assault;~~

4 ~~(b) The number, type, and amount of claims paid for victims of~~
5 ~~suspected nonfatal strangulation, with a subtotal of claims that also~~
6 ~~involved sexual assault; and~~

7 ~~(c) The number of police reports filed by victims of suspected~~
8 ~~nonfatal strangulation who received services under this section.~~

9 ~~(4) This section expires June 30, 2023.)~~

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
12 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
13 effect June 30, 2023.

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