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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Bronoske, Berry, Ramel, Reed, Duerr, Kloba, Macri, Parshley, Peterson, Ormsby, Pollet, Scott, Doglio, Hill, and Simmons)

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1 AN ACT Relating to preserving the ability of public officials to
2 address communicable diseases using scientifically proven measures to
3 control the spread of such diseases; adding a new section to chapter
4 70.54 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) It is the policy of the state that public health responses to
9 address communicable diseases be guided by the best available science
10 on the safety and efficacy of evidence-based measures to control the
11 spread of such diseases, including immunizations and vaccines.

12 (2) Consistent with the policy in subsection (1) of this section,
13 the state and local health officials must, within available
14 resources, implement and promote evidence-based, appropriate measures
15 to control the spread of communicable diseases, including
16 immunizations and vaccines. The state and its political subdivisions
17 may not enact statutes, ordinances, rules, or policies that prohibit
18 the implementation and promotion of such measures. Any such statute,
19 ordinance, rule, or policy in place on the effective date of this
20 section is hereby declared null and void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
4 effect immediately.

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