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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6669

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State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Drew, Pelz, Smith and Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to excessive charges for products and services  
2 because of the customer's sex; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that sex  
5 discrimination in any form is unjust and intolerable, and should be  
6 eliminated wherever it occurs. There is concern, however, that persons  
7 in this state are required to pay more for certain services solely  
8 because of their gender. It is the intent of the legislature to  
9 identify whether and to what extent such discrimination occurs in this  
10 state so that these concerns can be appropriately addressed.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The senate labor, commerce and trade  
12 committee shall conduct an interim study to identify any services for  
13 which consumers in Washington are charged different prices based solely  
14 on the gender of the person purchasing the service. For each service  
15 identified, the study shall determine how frequently this practice  
16 occurs, and the average amount of the price difference in each  
17 occurrence. Price differences based specifically upon the amount of

1 time, difficulty, or cost of providing a particular service shall not  
2 be considered.

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