

1260-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Backlund, Hymes, Casada, Kremen, Thompson and Schoesler)

Brief Description: Modifying health care liability provisions.

**HB 1260-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the filing of a certificate by a claimant's attorney in any action for damages arising out of the professional negligence of a person licensed under Title 18 RCW.

Specifies the required elements of the certificate.

Declares an intent to prevent payers from shifting their liability for payment decisions to either providers, or enrollees, or both.

Restricts ex parte contacts with health care providers.

Finds it inappropriate to establish a trust for a minor from an award of a personal injury claim that has the effect of making the minor eligible for public assistance.

Repeals RCW 18.130.330.