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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5180**

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**By** Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Marr, Berkey, Shin, Murray, Rasmussen, and Pflug)

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1       AN ACT Relating to requesting the Department of Health to conduct  
2 a study of body piercing and tattooing; and creating a new section.

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

4       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of health shall conduct  
5 a study of the tattooing and body piercing professions and make  
6 recommendations to the legislature as to whether the professions should  
7 be regulated, and to what extent, for the purpose of protecting the  
8 public interest under the criteria set forth in RCW 18.120.030.

9       (2) The department shall submit a report detailing its finding and  
10 recommendations under this section to the appropriate legislative  
11 committees by January 1, 2009.

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