
SENATE BILL 6734

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By Senators Franklin, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a process to promote evidence-based
2 nurse staffing in hospitals; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Recognizing that research evidence
5 demonstrates that registered nurses play a critical role in patient
6 safety and quality of care, and in order to protect patients and to
7 promote evidence-based nurse staffing, the legislature intends to
8 establish a mechanism whereby direct care nurses and hospital
9 management shall participate in a joint process to identify and apply
10 best practices related to patient safety and nurse retention, including
11 nurse staffing.

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