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SENATE BILL 5226

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By Senators Kline, Franklin, Keiser, Hargrove, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting requests for waivers of rights of  
2 residents of long-term care facilities; and amending RCW 70.129.105.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.129.105 and 1997 c 392 s 211 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 No long-term care facility or nursing facility licensed under  
7 chapter 18.51 RCW shall require or request residents to sign waivers of  
8 potential liability for losses of personal property or injury, or to  
9 sign waivers of residents' rights set forth in this chapter or in the  
10 applicable licensing or certification laws, or to sign waivers, without  
11 prior advice from the resident's attorney, of any rights set forth in  
12 the vulnerable adults statute, chapter 74.34 RCW.

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