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**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5420**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Muzzall, Schoesler, and Warnick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to data reporting requirements for hospitals; and  
2 creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state data  
5 reporting requirements for hospitals are placing unwarranted burdens  
6 on the health care system during the national and state emergency  
7 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislature further finds that  
8 such an assessment must identify which hospital data reporting  
9 obligations need to be modified and whether collecting additional  
10 data or information fulfills legislative objectives.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
12 committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of all state and  
13 federal data or information reporting obligations on acute care and  
14 psychiatric hospitals in Washington state. The committee shall  
15 consult with the Washington state hospital association, the  
16 department of health, and the health care authority. Where possible,  
17 the committee will use existing information sources. No later than  
18 November 1, 2022, the committee shall submit a report with its  
19 findings to the department of health and the appropriate committees  
20 of the legislature. At a minimum, the report must:

1           (a) Identify all federal data or information reporting  
2 requirements on hospitals;  
3           (b) Identify all state data or information reporting requirements  
4 on hospitals;  
5           (c) Identify any state data or information reporting requirements  
6 on hospitals that are duplicative to federal requirements or other  
7 state reporting requirements;  
8           (d) Identify opportunities to streamline hospital data and  
9 information reporting, including instances in which data or  
10 information is required to be reported by hospitals to multiple state  
11 or federal entities;  
12           (e) For state data or information reporting requirements,  
13 identify whether the data or information is accessible to the public;  
14 and  
15           (f) Identify state data or information reporting requirements  
16 that should be subject to further review to evaluate the relevance of  
17 and the continuing need for the data and information.  
18           (2) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" or "hospitals"  
19 means facilities licensed under chapter 70.41 or 71.12 RCW.

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