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By Senators Becker, Frockt, Dammeier, Jayapal, Bailey, Keiser, Parlette, Conway, Cleveland, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring reporting of infections consequent  
2 to laser in-situ keratomileusis surgery; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Any physician or osteopathic physician who performs laser in-  
8 situ keratomileusis surgery must report any patient infection caused  
9 or likely to have been caused as a consequence to the laser in-situ  
10 keratomileusis procedure to the department.

11 (2) The department must publish a report on the department's web  
12 site that compares the infection rates of physicians or osteopathic  
13 physicians who perform laser in-situ keratomileusis surgery. The  
14 report must disclose data in a format that does not release health  
15 information about any individual patient.

16 (3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

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