

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 2838

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Limiting mediation of health care injury disputes.

Sponsors: Representatives Dyer, Cody, Foreman, McMahan, Goldsmith, Huff, Carlson and Robertson.

House Committee on Health Care
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background: Washington has several provisions in law dealing with medical malpractice actions. These health care actions, like other actions, are limited by a statute of limitations. A statute of limitations requires that court actions be brought within a specific time or be barred.

Health care actions are subject to mandatory mediation.

If a written, good faith request for mediation is made prior to filing the action, the statute of limitations is tolled while the mediation occurs.

Summary: If a written, good faith request for mediation is made prior to filing a health care related action, the statute of limitations is tolled for one year, rather than for an unspecified period of time.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	49	0

Effective: June 6, 1996