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CS for SB 133 *Explanation of Changes*

Added Flexibility

The CS reflects new language to provide the department with some added flexibility while maintaining the integrity of multiple stakeholder participation. *(Page 4, Lines 7-10)*

The department now has the option to designate one entity or a combination of entities to fulfill the purposes of Section 2. The department may designate the state, an outside vendor, and/or a nonprofit to fulfill the purposes of Section 2.

Any and all entities designated must meet the same requirements which include:

- Have an advisory or governing body made up of health system stakeholders
- Apply for available federal and state funding for planning and implementation of the system
- Meet the most stringent applicable federal or state privacy law governing the protection of the information contained in the system.
- Submit an annual budget for approval of the commissioner
- Provide cost and cost saving data associated with the development and use of the system

Clear Responsibilities

Section 18.23.305 was added in the CS to more clearly establish the Department's duties.
(Page 4, Line 22 – Page 5, Line 2)

- in accordance with federal recommendations, determine the manner in which the system is developed and operated
- provide oversight and technical assistance needed for planning and implementing the system
- authorize and facilitate applications for available federal funding for planning and implementing the system
- ensure compliance with applicable federal and state health information policies and standards
- ensure compliance with federal and state law and standards that safeguard the privacy and security of health information

Clarification of Board Membership

The CS places specific advisory/governing board membership requirements. *(Page 4, Lines 11-21)*