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By Representatives Parlette, Linville, Clements, Benson, D. Sommers, Mulliken, Mastin and Grant

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1 AN ACT Relating to individuals purchasing health plans provided  
2 through associations; and amending RCW 48.44.024.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.44.024 and 1995 c 265 s 23 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) No health care service contractor shall offer any health  
7 benefit plan to any small employer without complying with the  
8 provisions of RCW 48.44.023(~~(+5)~~) (3).

9 (2) Employers or individuals purchasing health plans provided  
10 through associations or through member-governed groups formed  
11 specifically for the purpose of purchasing health care shall not be  
12 considered small employers and such plans shall not be subject to the  
13 provisions of RCW 48.44.023(~~(+5)~~) (3).

14 (3) For purposes of this section, "health benefit plan," "health  
15 plan," and "small employer" mean the same as defined in RCW 48.43.005.

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