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ATTY/TYPIST: KB:rmh

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 **SB 6772** - S AMD

3 By Senator Rasmussen

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 51.18.010 and 1999 c 7 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The department shall offer a retrospective rating plan to  
10 insure the workers' compensation obligations of employers and groups of  
11 employers. The plan is to be made available to any employer or group  
12 of employers who:

13 (a) Voluntarily elects to participate in the plan; and

14 (b) Meets the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted by the  
15 department under subsection (2) of this section.

16 (2) The retrospective rating plan shall be consistent with  
17 recognized insurance principles and shall be administered according to  
18 rules adopted by the department. Rules adopted under this section  
19 shall encourage broad participation by qualified employers and sponsors  
20 of retrospective rating groups.

21 (3) Each retrospective rating group approved by the department  
22 under this chapter shall select a coverage period (~~and~~) that may be  
23 renewed at the end of each coverage period. For the purposes of this  
24 section, "coverage period" means a twelve-month period provided by the  
25 department by rule.

26 (4) A retrospective rating group may charge a sufficient amount to  
27 cover safety, education, claims management, loss prevention, and other  
28 reasonable program costs and, in addition, may retain up to twenty  
29 percent of any refund earned by the group, for purposes specified by a  
30 contract between the group and its members."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 51.18.010."

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