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By House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky, Bowman, Dellwo, Broback, R. Johnson, Paris, Dorn, Schmidt, R. Meyers, Winsley, Ballard, Beck, Ludwig, Brough, Vance, Wynne, Carlson, Miller, Forner, Tate, Hochstatter, Van Luven, Wood, May, Fuhrman, Mitchell, Brumsickle and Ferguson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to small employer health insurance, data
2 collection, and administrative reform; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The insurance commissioner shall study
5 and develop legislation to promote the availability of health insurance
6 coverage for small employers regardless of the health status or claims
7 experience of the employer, to prevent abusive rating practices, to
8 require disclosure of rating practices to purchasers, to establish
9 standards regarding renewability of coverage, to establish limitations
10 on the use of preexisting condition exclusions, to provide for
11 development of a basic health benefit plan to be offered to all small
12 employers, to provide for establishment of an allocation program, and
13 to improve the overall fairness and efficiency of the small group
14 health insurance market. The commissioner shall recommend the adoption

1 of legislation in a report to the legislature no later than January 1,
2 1993.