

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1351

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Defining hospital in regard to self-insurers.

By Representatives Veloria, Heavey, King and Lisk; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

House Committee on Commerce & Labor
Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce

Background: Under the state industrial insurance system, hospital employees may be covered through one of two self-insurance groups, one for public hospitals and one for private hospitals. The definition of "hospital" for the purpose of authorizing these groups refers to a statute that was repealed in 1990 with the sunset of the Washington State Hospital Commission.

Summary: The authority for hospitals to form industrial insurance self-insurance groups is amended by deleting the reference to a repealed definition of "hospital." A new definition is added that includes hospitals under the hospital licensing statute and hospitals regulated as psychiatric hospitals, but excludes beds used by a comprehensive cancer center for cancer research. A reference is deleted that limited the self-insurance group for private hospitals to not-for-profit hospitals.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	42	0

Effective: July 25, 1993