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By Representatives Dickerson, Conway, Costa, Dunshee, Cody, Blalock, Cooper, Murray, Keiser and Gombosky

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1 AN ACT Relating to corporate endangerment; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 9A.36 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.36 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of the crime of corporate endangerment if,  
7 while acting as a high managerial agent, he or she recklessly approves  
8 an action of the corporation that endangers public health or safety by  
9 creating a substantial risk of death or substantial bodily harm to a  
10 person, and substantial bodily harm or death results from the  
11 corporation's action.

12 (2) The crime of corporate endangerment is a class C felony.

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