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By Representatives Hankins, Delvin, McMorris and Conway; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the continuation of a special  
2 insuring agreement for workers' compensation for the United States  
3 department of energy; amending 1951 c 144 s 1 (uncodified); adding a  
4 new section to chapter 51.04 RCW; and repealing 1951 c 144 s 2  
5 (uncodified).

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

7 **Sec. 1.** 1951 c 144 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

8 The department of labor and industries upon the request of the  
9 secretary of defense of the United States or the ((chairman)) secretary  
10 of the United States ((atomic energy commission)) department of energy,  
11 may in its discretion approve ((or promulgate war projects insurance  
12 rating plans or defense projects insurance rating plans, providing for  
13 insurance with respect to cost plus fixed fee projects, and all war,  
14 defense or other contracts in the national interest of every kind and  
15 nature, involved in the prosecution of the war, national defense or  
16 national interest, and engaged in the performance of the work, either  
17 directly or indirectly, for the United States, regardless of whether  
18 such plan conforms to the requirements specified in the industrial  
19 insurance law of this state whenever the department finds that the

1 application of such plan will effectively aid the national interest,  
2 the prosecution of the war or the defense of the United States; and the  
3 department may further approve or direct changes or modifications of  
4 such plans.

5 Whenever war projects insurance rating plans or defense projects  
6 insurance rating plans provide for pensions, and funds are paid in for  
7 pensions pursuant to said plans the state finance committee is  
8 authorized to invest said pension funds in national, state, county,  
9 municipal, or school district bonds as such plans heretofore or  
10 hereafter provide for and not otherwise)) special insuring agreements  
11 providing industrial insurance coverage for workers engaged in the  
12 performance of work, either directly or indirectly, for the United  
13 States, regarding projects and contracts at the Hanford Nuclear  
14 Reservation. The agreements need not conform to the requirements  
15 specified in the industrial insurance law of this state if the  
16 department finds that the application of the plan will effectively aid  
17 the national interest. The department may also approve or direct  
18 changes or modifications of the agreements as it deems necessary.

19 An agreement entered into under this section remains in full force  
20 and effect for as long as the department deems it necessary to  
21 accomplish the purposes of this section.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 1951 c 144 s 2 (uncodified) is repealed.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act is added to chapter  
24 51.04 RCW.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its  
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
27 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
28 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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