

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5965

55th Legislature
1997 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 21, 1997
YEAS 46 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 10, 1997
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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5965** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Horn, Anderson, Heavey and Franklin)

Read first time 03/05/97.

1 AN ACT Relating to agency ratings for industrial insurance;
2 amending RCW 51.44.170; and amending 1990 c 204 s 1 (uncodified).

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.44.170 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 29 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The industrial insurance premium refund account is created in the
7 custody of the state((treasury)) treasurer. All industrial insurance
8 refunds earned by state agencies or institutions of higher education
9 under the state fund retrospective rating program shall be deposited
10 into the account. ((Moneys in the account may be spent only after
11 appropriation)) The account is subject to the allotment procedures
12 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
13 expenditures from the account. Only the executive head of the agency
14 or institution of higher education, or designee, may authorize
15 expenditures from the account. No agency or institution of higher
16 education may ((receive an appropriation)) make an expenditure from the
17 account for an amount greater than the refund earned by the agency. If
18 the agency or institution of higher education has staff dedicated to
19 workers' compensation claims management, expenditures from the account

1 must be used to pay for that staff, but additional expenditure from
2 the account may be used for any program within an agency or institution
3 of higher education(~~(, but preference shall be given to programs))~~ that
4 promotes or provides incentives for employee workplace safety and
5 health and early, appropriate return-to-work for injured employees.

6 **Sec. 2.** 1990 c 204 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that workplace safety in state employment is
8 of paramount importance in maintaining a productive and committed state
9 work force. The legislature also finds that recognition in state
10 agencies and institutions of higher education of industrial insurance
11 programs that provide safe working environments and promote early
12 return-to-work for injured employees will encourage agencies and
13 institutions of higher education to develop these programs. A purpose
14 of this act is to provide incentives for agencies and institutions of
15 higher education to participate in industrial insurance safety programs
16 and return-to-work programs by authorizing use of the industrial
17 insurance premium refunds earned by agencies or institutions of higher
18 education participating in industrial insurance retrospective rating
19 programs. Since agency and institution of higher education
20 retrospective rating refunds are generated from safety performance and
21 cannot be set at predictable levels determined by the budget process,
22 the incentive awards should not impact an agency's or institution of
23 higher education's legislatively approved budget.

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