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By Representatives Sullivan, Kastama, Reardon, O'Brien, Miloscia, Lantz, Edmonds, Conway and Ruderman

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of credit reports by insurers; adding a
2 new section to chapter 48.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.03
3 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.05 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An insurer shall not request a credit report on an applicant or
8 existing policyholder if such an inquiry negatively affects the credit
9 rating or credit score of the applicant or policyholder. A request for
10 a credit report by an insurer is deemed to negatively impact the
11 applicant or policyholder unless the insurance commissioner states in
12 writing that the insurer's procedures regarding credit reports have no
13 negative impact on applicants or policyholders.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, "credit report" means the same as
15 "consumer report" as defined in RCW 19.182.010.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.03 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 In conducting examinations of insurers under this chapter, the
2 commissioner shall review the insurer's use of credit reports and the
3 insurer's compliance with section 1 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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