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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1537

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By House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Roach, Hatfield, Benson, Miloscia and Keiser)

READ FIRST TIME 02/14/01.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to credit union directors and committee
- 2 members; and adding a new section to chapter 31.12 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 31.12 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 (1) Directors and committee members at a credit union or
- 7 federal credit union have no personal liability for harm caused by
- 8 acts or omissions performed on behalf of the credit union if: The
- 9 director or committee member was acting within the scope of his or
- 10 her duties at the time of the act or omission; the harm was not
- 11 caused by an act in violation of RCW 31.12.267; the harm was not
- 12 caused by willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence,
- 13 reckless misconduct, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the
- 14 rights or safety of the individual harmed; and the harm was not
- 15 caused by the director or committee member's operation of a motor
- 16 vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or other vehicle for which the state
- 17 requires the operator or the owner of the vehicle, craft, or

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vessel to either possess an operator's license or maintain
insurance.

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- (2) This section does not affect a director's or committee member's liability to the credit union or to a governmental entity for harm to the credit union or governmental entity caused by the director or committee member.
- 7 (3) This section does not affect the vicarious liability of the 8 credit union with respect to harm caused to any person, including 9 harm caused by the negligence of a director or committee member.
- 10 (4) This section does not affect the liability of employees of 11 the credit union for acts or omissions done within the scope of 12 their employment.

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