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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Winsley)

Brief Description: Requiring prompt payment of insurance claims.

SB 6738-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that an insurer shall, not later than fifteen business days after receipt of notice of a claim, or thirty business days if the insurer is an eligible surplus lines insurer:

- (1) Acknowledge receipt of the claim;
- (2) Commence any investigation of the claim; and
- (3) Request from the claimant all items, statements, and forms that the insurer reasonably believes, at that time, will be required from the claimant.

Provides that, if an insurer notifies a claimant that the insurer will pay a claim or part of a claim under this act, the insurer shall pay the claim not later than five business days after the notice has been made.

Declares that this act does not apply to: (1) Workers' compensation insurance;

- (2) Mortgage guaranty insurance;
- (3) Title insurance;
- (4) Fidelity, surety, or guaranty bonds;
- (5) Marine insurance;
- (6) A guaranty association created and operating under chapter 48.32 or 48.32A RCW;
- (7) Longshore and harbor workers' compensation insurance; or
- (8) Health insurance provided by a health carrier as defined in RCW 48.43.005.