HOUSE BILL 2916

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By Representatives Condotta, McMorris, Holmquist and Crouse

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1   AN ACT Relating to improving the accountability of Washington's
2   industrial insurance system; adding a new section to chapter 51.04 RCW;
3   and creating new sections.

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

5   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.04 RCW
6   to read as follows:
7   PRIORITIES OF GOVERNMENT. The department must continuously improve
8   in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness to increase public trust in
9   the way the department operates and delivers services so that employers
10 and workers receive maximum value for their premium dollars. Further,
11 the department must establish priorities for the delivery of its
12 services and annually assess whether the department's programs and
13 activities contribute to the department's priorities.   The highest
14 priority programs must be evaluated to determine if they are operating
15 at maximum efficiency, and the lowest priority programs must be
16 assessed to determine their continued viability. The department shall
17 release its annual assessment to the citizens of the state, the
18 governor, and the appropriate legislative committees by January 1st of
19 each year.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FUNDING PLAN. By September 1, 2004, the
 2   department of labor and industries shall develop a plan for funding the
 3   administration of department programs not related to the administration
 4   of Title 51 RCW in the 2005-07 and subsequent biennial budgets.   By
 5   September 1, 2004, the department shall report on this plan to the
 6   house of representatives committees on appropriations, and commerce and
 7   labor, or their successor committees, and the senate committees on ways
 8   and means, and commerce and trade, or their successor committees.

 9   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Captions used in this act are not any part
10   of the law.

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