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Brief Description: Revising construction liability provisions.

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Provides that, notwithstanding RCW 51.24.030(1), the injured worker or beneficiary may not seek damages for an injury or occupational disease occurring in the course of employment at the site of a construction project, whether accomplished by a single contract or by multiple contracts, against the owner or developer of the project or against any person or entity performing work, furnishing materials, or providing services to or for the construction project.

Declares that the immunity provided by this act does not extend to any person or entity who injures a worker by deliberate intention as defined in RCW 51.24.020, and it is against public policy to seek indemnification in construction contracts against such liability. Such contractual clauses are void and unenforceable.

Declares that the immunity provided by this section does not extend to manufacturers and product sellers for product liability actions as defined in chapter 7.72 RCW.