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Brief Description: Extending existing employer workers' compensation group self-insurance to the logging industry.

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Provides that any two or more employers in the logging industry may enter into agreements to form self-insurance groups for the purposes of chapter 51.14 RCW if: (1) The employers are members of an organization that meets the following conditions: (a) the organization has been in existence for at least five years; (b) the organization was formed for a purpose other than that of obtaining workers' compensation coverage under this section; (c) the occupations of the employers within the organization are substantially similar and within the logging industry, taking into consideration the nature of the services being performed by employees of the employers; (d) the organization permits any employer assigned a risk classification within the logging industry, as determined by the director, to join the organization for the purpose of self-insuring, if the employer meets the membership requirements and follows the rules established for the self-insurance group; and (e) the organization permits any of its members who are employers assigned a risk classification within the logging industry, as determined by the director, to join the self-insurance group; and

(2) The formation and operation of the group self-insurance program will improve accident prevention and claim management for the employers in the group.