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By Representative Bailey

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1           On page 4, line 26, after "section" insert ". In offering the  
2 small business assist plan established under this subsection (1)(a),  
3 the administrator shall contract exclusively with disability insurers  
4 holding a certificate of authority and regulated under chapter 48.20 or  
5 48.21 RCW, health care service contractors holding a certificate of  
6 authority and regulated under chapter 48.44 RCW, or health maintenance  
7 organizations holding a certificate of authority and regulated under  
8 chapter 48.46 RCW. In the event that the state health care authority,  
9 pursuant to RCW 41.05.140, chooses to self-fund or self-insure the  
10 small business assist plan established under this subsection (1)(a),  
11 the state health care authority shall obtain a certificate of authority  
12 from the office of the insurance commissioner as a disability insurer  
13 under chapter 48.20 or 48.21 RCW, as a health care service contractor  
14 under chapter 48.44 RCW, or as a health maintenance organization under  
15 chapter 48.46 RCW. The small business assist plan established under  
16 this subsection (1)(a) is subject to all applicable requirements under  
17 Title 48 RCW, and may only be offered by a health carrier as defined in  
18 RCW 48.43.005 including any self-funded or self-insured small business  
19 assist plan offered by the authority."

EFFECT: Requires the Health Care Authority to deliver the small business assist program either through licensed and regulated health carriers or through a self-funded or self-insured plan that would be required to meet all applicable provisions of Title 48 RCW.

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