

EHB 2509 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The blueprint for safety program is established. The goal of the
6 program is to improve safety for employees and lower costs for
7 employers by assisting those employers for which the traditional safety
8 and health model has not been effective. The department shall design
9 the program to promote management and labor leadership in safety and
10 health as essential for long-term success. The criteria for
11 participation may include, but are not limited to: A history with the
12 department indicating a less than optimal leadership commitment to
13 safety and health, a rising experience modification factor, a recent
14 catastrophic workplace injury, a change in the employer's safety
15 management, and a request by the employer to participate. The
16 department shall offer the program statewide in a phased manner. The
17 department shall post information on its web page to provide
18 information about the program to employers. Participation by an
19 employer is voluntary and subject to approval by the department. The
20 program shall supplement, but not replace any of, the department's
21 existing compliance or consultation programs. The department shall
22 adopt rules to establish criteria for participation in the blueprint
23 for safety program, and shall initiate rule making in 2012. Funding
24 for the blueprint for safety program created in this section cannot be
25 appropriated from the medical aid fund or the accident fund, but shall
26 be implemented within existing resources."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
3 49.17 RCW."

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