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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2509

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By Representatives Chandler, Bailey, and Pearson

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving workplace safety and health by  
2 enacting the blueprint for safety program; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 49.17 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The blueprint for safety program is established. The goal of the  
8 program is to improve safety for employees and lower costs for  
9 employers by assisting those employers for which the traditional safety  
10 and health model has not been effective. The department shall design  
11 the program to promote management and labor leadership in safety and  
12 health as essential for long-term success. The criteria for  
13 participation may include, but are not limited to: A history with the  
14 department indicating a less than optimal leadership commitment to  
15 safety and health, a rising experience modification factor, a recent  
16 catastrophic workplace injury, a change in the employer's safety  
17 management, and a request by the employer to participate. The  
18 department shall offer the program statewide in a phased manner. The  
19 department shall post information on its web page to provide

1 information about the program to employers. Participation by an  
2 employer is voluntary and subject to approval by the department. The  
3 program shall supplement, but not replace any of, the department's  
4 existing compliance or consultation programs. The department shall  
5 adopt rules to establish criteria for participation in the blueprint  
6 for safety program, and shall initiate rule making in 2012.

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