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By Senators Hobbs and Fain

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1 AN ACT Relating to group disability insurance; and amending RCW
2 48.21.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.21.010 and 2010 c 13 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Group disability insurance is that form of disability
7 insurance, including stop loss insurance as defined in RCW 48.11.030,
8 provided by a master policy issued to an employer, to a trustee
9 appointed by an employer or employers, or to an association of
10 employers formed for purposes other than obtaining such insurance,
11 covering, with or without their dependents, the employees, or specified
12 categories of the employees, of such employers or their subsidiaries or
13 affiliates, or issued to a labor union, or to an association of
14 employees formed for purposes other than obtaining such insurance,
15 covering, with or without their dependents, the members, or specified
16 categories of the members, of the labor union or association, or issued
17 pursuant to RCW 48.21.030. Group disability insurance includes the
18 following groups that qualify for group life insurance:

1 RCW 48.24.020, 48.24.035, 48.24.040, 48.24.045, 48.24.050,
2 48.24.060, 48.24.070, 48.24.080, 48.24.090, and 48.24.095. A group
3 under RCW 48.24.027 does not qualify as a group for the purposes of
4 this chapter.

5 (2) Group disability insurance for lines of coverage identified in
6 RCW 48.43.005(19)(e), (h), and (k) offered to a resident of this state
7 under a group disability insurance policy may be issued to a group
8 other than the groups described in subsection (1) of this section
9 subject to the requirements in this subsection.

10 (a) A group disability insurance policy offered under this
11 subsection may not be delivered in this state unless the commissioner
12 finds that:

13 (i) The issuance of the group policy is not contrary to the best
14 interest of the public;

15 (ii) The issuance of the group policy would result in economies of
16 acquisition or administration; and

17 (iii) The benefits are reasonable in relation to the premium
18 charged.

19 (b) A group disability insurance coverage may not be offered under
20 this subsection in this state by an insurer under a policy issued in
21 another state unless the commissioner or the insurance commissioner of
22 another state having requirements substantially similar to those
23 contained in this subsection has made a determination that the
24 requirements have been met.

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