
SENATE BILL 6505

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By Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting employees of self-insured employers
2 entering claim resolution structured settlement agreements; amending
3 RCW 51.32.242; and adding a new section to chapter 51.14 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 51.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The office of the ombudsman shall develop and promote an
8 educational program and materials to assist employees of self-insured
9 employers entering into claim resolution structured settlement
10 agreements pursuant to RCW 51.04.063.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 51.32.242 and 2008 c 280 s 3 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, each
14 self-insured employer shall retain from the earnings of each of its
15 workers that amount as shall be fixed from time to time by the
16 director, the basis for measuring said amount to be determined by the
17 director. These moneys shall only be retained from employees and
18 remitted to the department in such manner and at such intervals as the

1 department directs and shall be placed in the self-insured employer
2 overpayment reimbursement fund. The moneys so collected shall be used
3 ((~~exclusively~~)) for reimbursement to the reserve fund and to self-
4 insured employers for benefits overpaid during the pendency of board or
5 court appeals in which the self-insured employer prevails and has not
6 recovered, and shall be no more than necessary to make such payments on
7 a current basis, and during fiscal year 2013 up to five hundred
8 thousand dollars for the purposes described in section 1 of this act.

9 (2) None of the amount assessed for the employer overpayment
10 reimbursement fund under this section may be retained from the earnings
11 of workers covered under RCW 51.16.210.

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