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**SENATE BILL 5381**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Conway, Hasegawa, Nobles, and Saldaña; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

AN ACT Relating to establishing department authority to ensure payment is received from the self-insured employer after a self-insured group or municipal employer has their self-insurer certification withdrawn; and adding a new section to chapter 51.14 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 51.14 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For self-insurers authorized under RCW 51.14.150 and self-insurers who are counties, cities, or municipal employers who have their self-insurer status terminated by the director pursuant to RCW 51.14.080, the department shall fulfill the decertified self-insured employer's obligations including paying compensation. The decertified self-insured employer is liable to and shall reimburse the department all payments made through periodic charges not less than quarterly in a manner to be determined by the director.

(2) The director shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section including, but not limited to, rules regarding continuing obligations of decertified self-insured employers and methods of how the self-insured employer shall meet financial obligations.

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