HOUSE BILL 1568

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By Representatives Campbell, Cody, Appleton, Hasegawa, Moeller, Morrell, Wood and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to evaluating the feasibility of operating a 2 multistate health insurance pool; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The office of the insurance commissioner 4 5 shall explore the feasibility of entering into a multistate health insurance pool compact for the purpose of providing affordable health 6 7 insurance coverage to individuals and small employers. Initially, the 8 multistate health insurance pool compact will include the states of 9 Oregon and California. The office of the insurance commissioner shall propose model state legislation that each participating state would 10 enact prior to entering into the multistate health insurance pool 11 12 compact. If federal legislation is necessary to permit the operation 13 of the multistate health insurance pool, the office of the insurance commissioner shall identify needed changes in federal statutes and 14 15 rules.

16 (2) The office of the insurance commissioner shall report the 17 findings and recommendations of the feasibility study to the

- 1 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by
- 2 December 1, 2007.

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