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## SENATE BILL 5300

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By Senator Jacobsen

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to health and safety standards for employee's
- 2 airline seats; adding a new section to chapter 49.17 RCW; and creating
- 3 a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the quality of
- 6 airline seats presents a health and safety risk to employees. The
- 7 legislature also finds that many employees travel on airlines as part
- 8 of their employment. Further, the legislature finds that employees who
- 9 are engaged in job-related travel are entitled to the same healthy and
- 10 safe environment that exists in the workplace.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
- 12 to read as follows:
- To ensure the health and well-being of employees, when an employer
- 14 pays for an employee's airline flight, the employer shall ensure that
- 15 the employee's seat on the flight meets health and safety standards for
- 16 airline seats, as established by the department of labor and

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