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Brief Description: Combatting insurance fraud.

**HB 1557 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares that it is unlawful for a person to direct or refer a claimant to a service provider.

Makes it unlawful for a service provider to engage in a regular practice of waiving or paying all or any part of a claimant's casualty or property insurance deductible.

Provides criminal penalties for violations of the act.

Provides for injunctions against violations of the act plus civil penalties.

Provides for license revocations for violations of the act.

Requires each insurer to institute and maintain an insurance antifraud plan.

Establishes the insurance fraud bureau.

Creates the insurance antifraud account.

Prohibits nonlawyer practice of law.

Prohibits commercial bribery.

Makes an appropriation of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of the act.

Repeals RCW 9.91.090, 9A.82.903, 48.50.060, 48.50.080, and 49.44.070.