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2 <u>ESHB 1292</u> - S AMD - 475
By Senators Haugen, Rasmussen, Haugen, Winsley and Goings
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5 On page 1, line 7, after "(1)" insert "(a)"
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On page 1, after line 13, insert the following:

7 "(b) Retrospective rating plan groups shall submit to the department a yearly financial statement that shall include the yearly 8 amount of money refunded by the department, the amount of the money 9 10 returned to each employer, the administrative costs associated with the administration of a retrospective rating program, and the amount of 11 12 money spent on related safety training. A copy of the yearly financial statement sent by retrospective rating plan groups to the department 13 must also be sent to each employer member of the group that requests 14 it. Each employer member must be informed that they have the right to 15 16 the yearly financial statement. The yearly financial statement required under the provisions of this section and information contained 17 therein shall be deemed confidential and shall not be open to public 18 inspection or public disclosure under RCW 42.17 other than to employees 19 of the department in the performance of their official duties. 20 No 21 financial statement obtained pursuant to this section shall be the 22 basis for an audit or inspection of records under RCW 51.48.040, but 23 the financial statements may be used in the aggregate by the department 24 for analysis of retrospective rating plan outcomes."

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**Effect:** Provides the department, and retro group employers that request it, financial information on the use of retrospective rating program refunds. Such information is not subject to public inspection and is not to be the basis for a financial audit but may be used in the aggregate for a study of the retro program.

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