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5 On page 4, line 33, after "subject to" insert "(b) of this
6 subsection and to"

7 On page 4, line 36, after "(b)" insert "If an independent medical
8 examiner or panel selected by the self-insurer determines that a
9 worker's condition is fixed and stable and the worker's attending or
10 treating physician disagrees in writing with that determination within
11 thirty days of the physician's receipt of the report by the examiner or
12 panel, the self-insurer may not close the worker's claim but must
13 forward the claim to the department within ten days after receipt of
14 the attending or treating physician's written response. The department
15 must review the claim and enter a determinative order as provided for
16 in RCW 51.52.050.

17 (c)"

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21 On page 5, line 12, strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"

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EFFECT: The amendment adds that if the worker's attending or treating physician disagrees with a determination that the injured worker's condition is "fixed and stable" made by an independent medical examiner selected by the self-insurer, the self-insurer may not close the worker's claim. The claim must for forwarded to the Department of Labor and Industries for review and a determinative order.