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By Representatives Bush, Lambert, Carrell, Talcott, Johnson, Hickel, Cody, Linville, Mitchell, Delvin, Mulliken, Veloria, Zellinsky, Thompson, Smith, Tokuda, Koster, Sherstad, Cole, Mastin, D. Schmidt and Backlund

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing double payment for insurance benefits  
2 for teachers who are members of the legislature; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 44.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary  
9 of the senate shall prepare vouchers for the state treasurer for sums  
10 covering amounts due any teacher who is on a leave of absence as a  
11 legislator, and who has chosen to continue employer-provided insurance  
12 benefits on a self-pay basis, in lieu of insurance benefits provided to  
13 that legislator as a state employee. The amount of reimbursement is  
14 for the actual cost of continuing employer-provided benefits, but may  
15 not exceed the cost of the insurance benefits package that would  
16 otherwise be provided through the health care authority.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1       The authority shall adopt rules that provide for members of the  
2 legislature who choose reimbursement under section 1 of this act in  
3 lieu of insurance benefits under this chapter.

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
7 immediately.

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