

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3096**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 9, 1998  
Yeas 83 Nays 12

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1998  
Yeas 44 Nays 5

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President of the Senate**

Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3096** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Chief Clerk**

FILED

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

---

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3096**

---

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 1998 Regular Session

**State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1998 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky and L. Thomas)

Read first time 02/02/98. Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to declaring the state's preemption of the field of  
2 excise or privilege taxes on health maintenance organizations and  
3 health care service contractors; and amending RCW 48.14.0201.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.14.0201 and 1997 c 154 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means a health maintenance  
8 organization, as defined in RCW 48.46.020, or a health care service  
9 contractor, as defined in RCW 48.44.010.

10           (2) Each taxpayer shall pay a tax on or before the first day of  
11 March of each year to the state treasurer through the insurance  
12 commissioner's office. The tax shall be equal to the total amount of  
13 all premiums and prepayments for health care services received by the  
14 taxpayer during the preceding calendar year multiplied by the rate of  
15 two percent.

16           (3) Taxpayers shall prepay their tax obligations under this  
17 section. The minimum amount of the prepayments shall be percentages of  
18 the taxpayer's tax obligation for the preceding calendar year  
19 recomputed using the rate in effect for the current year. For the

1 prepayment of taxes due during the first calendar year, the minimum  
2 amount of the prepayments shall be percentages of the taxpayer's tax  
3 obligation that would have been due had the tax been in effect during  
4 the previous calendar year. The tax prepayments shall be paid to the  
5 state treasurer through the commissioner's office by the due dates and  
6 in the following amounts:

7 (a) On or before June 15, forty-five percent;

8 (b) On or before September 15, twenty-five percent;

9 (c) On or before December 15, twenty-five percent.

10 (4) For good cause demonstrated in writing, the commissioner may  
11 approve an amount smaller than the preceding calendar year's tax  
12 obligation as recomputed for calculating the health maintenance  
13 organization's, health care service contractor's, or certified health  
14 plan's prepayment obligations for the current tax year.

15 (5) Moneys collected under this section shall be deposited in the  
16 general fund through March 31, 1996, and in the health services account  
17 under RCW 43.72.900 after March 31, 1996.

18 (6) The taxes imposed in this section do not apply to:

19 (a) Amounts received by any taxpayer from the United States or any  
20 instrumentality thereof as prepayments for health care services  
21 provided under Title XVIII (medicare) of the federal social security  
22 act.

23 (b) Amounts received by any health care service contractor, as  
24 defined in RCW 48.44.010, as prepayments for health care services  
25 included within the definition of practice of dentistry under RCW  
26 18.32.020.

27 (7) Beginning January 1, 2000, the state does hereby preempt the  
28 field of imposing excise or privilege taxes upon taxpayers and no  
29 county, city, town, or other municipal subdivision shall have the right  
30 to impose any such taxes upon such taxpayers. This subsection shall be  
31 limited to premiums and payments for health benefit plans offered by  
32 health care service contractors under chapter 48.44 RCW and health  
33 maintenance organizations under chapter 48.46 RCW. The preemption  
34 authorized by this subsection shall not impair the ability of a county,  
35 city, town, or other municipal subdivision to impose excise or  
36 privilege taxes upon the health care services directly delivered by the  
37 employees of a health maintenance organization under chapter 48.46 RCW.

--- END ---