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## SENATE BILL 5901

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By Senators Kohl, Winsley, Prentice, Swanson and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to notice to the insured before an insurance 2 company negotiates or settles any claim or suit; and adding a new 3 section to chapter 48.22 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.22 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 Before an insurance company, or any representative of an insurance 8 company, negotiates, or settles any claim or suit on behalf of a 9 policyholder, the insurance company shall provide written disclosure to 10 the policyholder.

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