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SENATE BILL 5605

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By Senators Prentice, Winsley, Gardner and Deccio; by request of Insurance Commissioner

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the investment limits of insurers in
- 2 noninsurance subsidiaries; and adding a new section to chapter 48.13
- 3 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 48.13 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Notwithstanding RCW 48.13.220 and 48.13.240, an insurer may not
- 8 loan or invest its funds in common stock, preferred stock, debt
- 9 obligations, and other securities of one or more subsidiaries in an
- 10 aggregate amount exceeding the lesser of the following sums: Ten
- 11 percent of its assets, or fifty percent of its surplus as regards
- 12 policyholders. In calculating the amount of investments under this
- 13 section, investments in domestic or foreign insurance subsidiaries,
- 14 health care service contractors, and health maintenance organizations
- 15 are excluded.
- 16 (2) For the purposes of this section, "subsidiary" has the same
- 17 meaning as in RCW 48.31B.005.

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