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HOUSE BILL 2435

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By Representatives Hymes and McMorris

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1 AN ACT Relating to options for using the basic health plan by  
2 employers and employees; and adding a new section to chapter 70.47 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The administrator shall develop a plan, to be implemented by  
7 July 1, 1997, for allowing premium subsidies for employees eligible for  
8 enrollment in the basic health plan under this chapter to be used in  
9 combination with other health care premium payments made by or on  
10 behalf of the employee to purchase health care coverage through an  
11 employer-sponsored health care plan. The plan shall include, but not  
12 be limited to, the following features:

13 (a) Require private trusts to be certified by the administrator  
14 before a trust is eligible to use an employee's basic health plan  
15 subsidy to enroll the employee in employer-sponsored health care  
16 through the trust.

17 (b) Permit health care coverage through the trust of employees  
18 whose basic health plan premiums are fully subsidized.

1 (c) Allow the private trusts to combine partial health care  
2 premiums paid on behalf of an employee by multiple employers. The plan  
3 shall include requirements for basing premium contributions on hours  
4 worked. The plan shall also permit banking of premium contributions  
5 not used in a particular month and permit combining the premiums with  
6 the basic health plan subsidy, if any. The plan shall address any  
7 industry-specific requirements that may be necessary for employee  
8 health care coverage.

9 (2) The plan shall be reported to the appropriate committees of the  
10 legislature, along with any recommendations for legislation necessary  
11 to implement the plan, by January 1, 1997.

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