

**HB 2972** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

**ADOPTED 3/2/2006**

1 On page 10, after line 35 insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** No policy or contract may be solicited, or  
3 contribution collected under this act until a federal opinion is  
4 received by the insurance commissioner indicating whether the  
5 purchasing pools referenced in sections 2, 4, and 6 of this act are  
6 legal. The commissioner shall request such an opinion from the federal  
7 departments of labor, treasury, health and human services, or other  
8 appropriate federal agencies no later than August 1, 2006. Upon  
9 receipt, the commissioner shall forward the opinion to the legislature,  
10 and within 30 days, provide the legislature with a report assessing the  
11 legality and potential impact of these purchasing pools on the  
12 uninsured and insurance markets in Washington state."

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15 On page 1, line 3, after "48.44 RCW;" strike the remainder of the  
16 title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and  
17 creating a new section."

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**EFFECT:** Requires the insurance commissioner to request and receive a federal opinion as to the legality of the purchasing pools authorized under the act before any other actions under the act may be taken.