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**HOUSE**    HB 2329    HB 2330    HB 2331    HB 2332

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### House Bills

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1    First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2329**    by Representatives Pedersen and Rodne

Authorizing qui tam proceedings.

Enacts a "qui tam" statute that allows a private person to bring a civil suit on behalf of the state to recover treble damages arising from false or fraudulent claims made to the state or involving state funds.

Prescribes penalties for committing certain acts relating to false or fraudulent claims.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1    First reading, referred to Judiciary.

**HB 2330**    by Representatives Cody and Hinkle

Concerning primacy of insurance coverage.

Requires the department of social and health services or its agent, for the purpose of determining the eligibility of persons claiming benefits under medicaid, to send automated eligibility inquiry messages to insurers providing health insurance or health care coverage, worker's compensation, auto insurance, or homeowner's insurance to persons residing in the state.

Authorizes the administrator of the Washington state health care authority or his or her agent, for the purpose of determining the eligibility of persons claiming benefits under the public employees' benefits board, the basic health plan, or the health insurance partnership, to send automated eligibility inquiry messages to insurers providing health insurance or health care coverage, worker's compensation, auto insurance, or homeowner's insurance to persons residing in the state.

Authorizes the department of social and health services and the administrator of the Washington state health care authority to: (1) Transmit automated eligibility inquiries to insurers to resolve the primacy of claims for benefits under health plans administered, in whole or in part, by the state; and

(2) Enforce the act against an insurer that fails to comply with the act.

**HB 2331**    by Representatives Darneille, Dickerson, Pettigrew, Kenney, Williams, Simpson, Nelson, and Ormsby

Concerning the existing document recording fee for services for the homeless.

Increases the surcharge for local homeless housing and assistance charged by county auditors for recording documents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1    First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2332**    by Representative Kretz

Creating a military service exemption for benefits charged to the experience rating accounts of employers.

Creates a military service exemption for benefits charged to the experience rating accounts of employers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1    First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.