
HOUSE BILL 1156

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1 AN ACT Relating to introducing private competition in industrial
2 insurance coverage by enacting the Washington jobs act; amending RCW
3 51.16.140, 51.32.073, 51.44.010, 51.44.020, and 51.44.030; adding new
4 sections to chapter 51.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.19
5 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 51.44 RCW; adding a new section
6 to chapter 51.16 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 51 RCW; creating
7 new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the burden
10 of workers' compensation costs in this state has a negative impact on
11 our economy. Washington's rates, on average, are one hundred eight
12 percent of the rates of the median state while Oregon's rates are
13 only seventy-four percent of the rates of the median state. Making
14 workers' compensation more affordable will mean an improved business
15 climate and more jobs for Washington workers.

16 (2) The legislature further finds that the vast majority of
17 states use competition to maximize efficiency in their workers'
18 compensation programs. Private sector competition in providing
19 workers' compensation insurance has been effective in reducing
20 premium costs, maximizing program efficiency, and creating innovative
21 safety programs to protect all employees. Competition also reduces

1 fraud. By enacting the Washington jobs act, the legislature intends
2 to:

3 (a) Create an efficient and cost-effective industrial insurance
4 system for the benefit of both employers and employees by introducing
5 competition into the system through a choice of insurance carriers
6 from whom employers may purchase industrial insurance;

7 (b) Provide workers the benefits of safety systems developed by
8 both private enterprise and by government;

9 (c) Improve the state's economic climate by providing the private
10 sector with the opportunity to engage in the industrial insurance
11 business with appropriate standards and oversight;

12 (d) Eliminate a government monopoly with respect to industrial
13 insurance choices for small employers and provide private sector
14 insurance choices for all employers; and

15 (e) By July 1, 2017, make Washington a state in which employers
16 may choose to self-insure, obtain private sector industrial
17 insurance, or purchase industrial insurance from the Washington state
18 industrial insurance fund.

19 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative task force on
20 private competition for industrial insurance is established. The task
21 force consists of the following members:

22 (a) One member from each major caucus of the house of
23 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
24 representatives;

25 (b) One member from each major caucus of the senate, appointed by
26 the president of the senate; and

27 (c) The following members, appointed jointly by the president of
28 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives:

29 (i) Four members representing employers, selected from
30 nominations submitted by statewide business organizations. At least
31 one of the members must represent small business, at least one of the
32 members must represent an association with a retrospective rating
33 program, and at least one of the members must be a self-insured
34 employer under Title 51 RCW;

35 (ii) Two members representing insurers, selected from nominations
36 submitted by statewide insurance organizations; and

37 (iii) Three members representing workers. One member shall be an
38 employee of a self-insured employer, and at least one member must be
39 employed by an employer with fewer than twenty employees.

1 (2) The task force shall develop proposed legislation to
2 eliminate Washington's monopoly of the industrial insurance fund by
3 conforming current statutes to make them consistent with the
4 provisions contained in this act, including the transfer of funds
5 under section 9 of this act. The task force shall also develop any
6 needed legislation to assure that the commissioner does not refuse to
7 issue a certificate of authority to an industrial insurance insurer
8 without good cause. The task force must provide its recommendations
9 to the legislature by December 1, 2015.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 "Insurer" means:

13 (1) The state fund established in section 6 of this act;
14 (2) Any private company, corporation, mutual association, or
15 reciprocal or interinsurance exchange that meets the requirement of
16 section 13 of this act; or
17 (3) Any employer to whom a certificate of qualification to self-
18 insure has been issued under RCW 51.14.030.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 "State fund" means the Washington state industrial insurance fund
22 as established in section 6 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 51.08
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 "Commissioner" means the insurance commissioner as defined in RCW
26 48.02.010.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The Washington state industrial
28 insurance fund is established for the purpose of insuring employers
29 for their liability arising out of this title beginning July 1, 2017.

30 (2) The functions of the state fund are:

31 (a) To confer with and solicit employers and to handle, audit,
32 and enforce collection of premiums, assessments, and fees of
33 employers insured with it;

34 (b) To receive, handle, and process the claims of workers and
35 beneficiaries of workers injured in the employ of employers insured

1 with the state fund and to issue warrants for the payment of its
2 obligations; and

3 (c) To perform all other functions that the laws of this state
4 authorize an industrial insurance insurer to perform and that are
5 necessary or appropriate to carry out the functions authorized,
6 including securing reinsurance for any risk insured by the state
7 fund.

8 (3) The state fund in its own name may sue and be sued in all
9 actions arising out of any act or omission in connection with its
10 business affairs, and is entitled to appear as a party in any
11 proceedings involving claims payable by the state fund under this
12 title.

13 (4) The state fund shall allocate revenues received from its
14 investments, other than revenues allocated for the payment of
15 pensions, to reduce the premiums for employers insured by the state
16 fund and shall apply, whenever possible, for a deviation as provided
17 in section 12 of this act from manual rates filed by the licensed
18 rating organization so that its charges for industrial insurance are
19 the lowest possible rates necessary to maintain the actuarial
20 solvency of the state fund.

21 (5) The state fund shall participate in the Washington insurance
22 guaranty association under chapter 48.32 RCW in the same manner as
23 any other industrial insurance insurer.

24 (6) The state fund shall charge premiums in accordance with this
25 title and based on the rates filed by the licensed rating
26 organization and approved by the commissioner.

27 (7) The state fund shall participate in the assigned risk plan
28 under section 12 of this act.

29 (8) The state fund may acquire, lease, rent, own, and manage real
30 property. It may purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise acquire for its
31 use all supplies, materials, equipment, and services necessary to
32 carry out its functions. It may sell or otherwise dispose of any
33 property acquired under this subsection.

34 (9) The state fund shall pay all taxes and fees as any other
35 insurer meeting the requirements of section 13 of this act.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) The state fund created in section 6 of
37 this act is governed by policies established by a board of five
38 directors appointed by the governor and approved by the senate. Each
39 member must be a policyholder of the state fund. Two of the members

1 must represent a business with twenty or fewer employees at the time
2 of appointment.

3 The initial terms of the board members are: One member serves for
4 two years, two members serve for four years, and two members serve
5 for six years. Thereafter, each member serves a term of six years. A
6 member may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A director
7 holds office until the appointment and qualification of a successor.

8 (2) The board of directors shall:

9 (a) Elect a chair from among its members to serve for the
10 following calendar year;

11 (b) Meet not less than monthly to consider and act on the affairs
12 of the state fund;

13 (c) Establish the policies for the operation of the state fund
14 consistent with all applicable provisions of law; and

15 (d) Employ a manager to manage the daily operations of the state
16 fund.

17 (3) The manager is not a voting member of the board of directors
18 but shall act at the will of and in support of the board of directors
19 and provide staff support as required by the board of directors to
20 carry out its activities.

21 (4) A member of the board of directors may not have any pecuniary
22 interest, other than an incidental interest which is disclosed and
23 made a matter of public record at the time of appointment to the
24 board, in any corporation or other business entity doing business as
25 an industrial insurance insurer.

26 (5) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
27 for the transaction of business.

28 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 8.** The state fund must be under the direct
29 supervision of a manager who is selected and employed at the
30 discretion of the board of directors. The salary of the manager is
31 fixed by the board of directors. The manager shall report at least
32 annually to the board of directors, the governor, and the legislature
33 on the state of the state fund and shall include in the report a
34 review of its operations for the previous twelve months.

35 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 9.** The treasurer shall transfer to the state
36 fund the assets and liabilities of the following funds on July 1,
37 2017:

38 (1) The accident fund under RCW 51.44.010;

1 (2) The medical aid fund under RCW 51.44.020;
2 (3) The reserve fund under RCW 51.44.030; and
3 (4) All other assets and liabilities held by the industrial
4 insurance division of the department of labor and industries under
5 this title on July 1, 2017, except the supplemental pension fund and
6 any other funds pertaining to the regulatory functions of the
7 department.

8 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 10.** (1) Beginning July 1, 2017, all employers
9 required to pay industrial insurance benefits, medical aid, and
10 supplemental pension fees to the industrial insurance division of the
11 department under this title must become insureds of the state fund
12 until: (a) The employer elects to secure otherwise the payment of
13 industrial insurance benefits under this title; or (b) the employer
14 receives notice from the state fund of the termination or nonrenewal
15 of insurance.

16 (2) All liability accruing under the law in effect until July 1,
17 2017, for employers paying premiums to the industrial insurance
18 division of the department under this title is transferred on July 1,
19 2017, to the state fund, together with liabilities for all expenses,
20 claim costs, administrative costs, and all other obligations arising
21 out of the operations of the division and having accrued until July
22 1, 2017.

23 (3) The powers, duties, and functions of the industrial insurance
24 division relating to insurance coverage, actuarial computations,
25 claims management, premium collection, accounting, and all other
26 powers necessary to administer the state fund as an insurer, that are
27 not otherwise transferred by this chapter, are vested in the state
28 fund as of July 1, 2017.

29 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 11.** The state of Washington is not liable
30 beyond the assets of the state fund for any obligations of the state
31 fund. The state fund shall operate on a parity with other insurers,
32 other than self-insurers, and must be self-supporting and without
33 subsidy of any kind. The state fund has the authority to acquire any
34 equipment, supplies, or other personal or real property, and employ
35 personnel as may be reasonably necessary to solicit and provide
36 industrial insurance, and take all actions to enable it to be fully
37 competitive in offering industrial insurance. The state fund is
38 subject to the same regulation, examination, reporting requirements,

1 and disclosure as all other insurers other than self-insurers
2 providing insurance under this title.

3 All moneys received by and under the supervision and control of
4 the state fund must be deposited and maintained by the state fund.
5 Disbursements from the state fund for all the operating costs of the
6 fund and for payment of all claims obligations must be on
7 authorization of the manager or a duly authorized representative of
8 the manager.

9 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 48.19
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, the term "industrial
12 insurance insurer" includes an insurer authorized to insure the
13 liabilities defined by Title 51 RCW and includes the state fund as
14 established by section 6 of this act, but does not include any
15 employer, or any other insurer authorized to provide insurance in
16 this state that insures a portion of the liability arising from this
17 title for an employer that is self-insured. However, chapter 48.22
18 RCW does not apply to industrial insurance unless specified. When
19 provisions of this section conflict with other provisions of this
20 title, the provisions of this section control.

21 (2) The commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to be
22 an industrial insurance insurer if the insurer meets the requirements
23 to be licensed to sell insurance in this state and meets the
24 applicable provisions of this title and Title 51 RCW. The
25 commissioner shall perform all duties required under this title to
26 ensure that each insurer continues to meet the requirements of the
27 applicable provisions of this title and Title 51 RCW.

28 (3) The commissioner shall designate a licensed rating
29 organization to file with the commissioner, for approval, a manual of
30 classifications and rules, rating plans, policy forms and provisions,
31 a payroll limitation, and a statistical reporting plan which provides
32 data adequate for rate making. Every insurer must be a member of the
33 licensed rating organization designated by the commissioner and must
34 adhere to the approved filings required by this section.

35 (4) The licensed rating organization on behalf of and in lieu of
36 filings by its members shall file manual rates with the commissioner
37 for approval. Any member of the rating organization may make written
38 application to the commissioner for approval of uniform percentage

1 deviations from the manual rates filed by the rating organization and
2 approved by the commissioner.

3 (5) The state fund is entitled to membership on any committee
4 established in this state by the rating organization.

5 (6) All manual rates filed by the rating organization are subject
6 to a payroll limitation approved by the commissioner which must be
7 adjusted annually by the percentage change in the state average
8 annual wage determined under RCW 50.04.355.

9 (7) The commissioner shall establish an assigned risk plan for
10 all industrial insurance insurers.

11 (8) This chapter does not prohibit or regulate the payment of
12 dividends and savings on unabsorbed premium deposits allowed or
13 returned by industrial insurance insurers to their policyholders,
14 members, or subscribers. A plan returned by insurers to their
15 policyholders, members, or subscribers is not a rating plan or
16 system.

17 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 13.** (1) Each insurer offering to sell
18 industrial insurance meeting the requirements of this title, except
19 for employers that are self-insured, or insurers providing partial
20 reinsurance for a self-insurer, shall hold a certificate of authority
21 issued by the commissioner under chapter 48.05 RCW permitting it to
22 provide industrial insurance. Before issuing the certificate, the
23 commissioner shall certify that the insurer has the capacity to
24 provide adequate safety engineering, loss prevention, and claims
25 management services for all employers the insurer insures. Such a
26 certificate is not valid if the insurer fails to maintain a location
27 within the state where applications for industrial insurance benefits
28 may be made and maintain with the commissioner a list of the
29 locations and telephone numbers where information may be obtained
30 about all appropriate matters relating to claims.

31 (2) Each insurer may refuse to provide industrial insurance for
32 up to eight percent of employers who apply for insurance with the
33 insurer except that each insurer shall participate in the assigned
34 risk plan as provided in section 12 of this act. Any insurer failing
35 to provide insurance as required by the assigned risk plan is not
36 permitted to sell industrial insurance in this state.

37 (3) On the effective date of this section, the state fund must be
38 issued a certificate of authority from the commissioner. Thereafter,
39 the state fund is required to maintain the certificate and meet all

1 of the applicable provisions of Title 48 RCW and this title like any
2 other insurer.

3 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 51.44
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 A revolving fund to be known and designated as the industrial
6 insurance administrative fund is created in the state treasury. The
7 commissioner is the administrator of the fund. The industrial
8 insurance administrative fund is established to provide for the
9 payment of all expenses of the board of industrial insurance appeals
10 and the commissioner with respect to the administration of their
11 respective duties under this title and those sections of Title 48 RCW
12 governing industrial insurance. There must be separate appropriations
13 approved by the legislature and the governor for the board and the
14 commissioner. Any money appropriated from the general fund for the
15 uses and purposes of the administrative fund must be placed in the
16 administrative fund.

17 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 51.44
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The commissioner shall periodically calculate and collect
20 from insurers assessments that, with the interest earned, are
21 sufficient to cover the administrative costs described in sections 14
22 and 17 of this act. The time and manner of collecting assessments
23 must be set forth in rules adopted by the commissioner under chapter
24 34.05 RCW.

25 (2) The commissioner shall prepare, as soon as is practicable
26 after July 1st each year, a line item budget for the industrial
27 insurance administrative fund for the succeeding fiscal year. The
28 budget must be based upon the actual expenditures of the preceding
29 fiscal year and a reasonable estimate of expenses for the succeeding
30 year. This budget must be adopted in accordance with chapter 34.05
31 RCW.

32 (3) The assessment of each insurer must be an amount bearing the
33 same ratio to the total administrative costs that each insurer's
34 adjusted premium bears to the aggregated adjusted premium of all
35 insurers. As used in this subsection "adjusted premium" means:

36 (a) For insurers, other than self-insurers, the direct earned
37 premium for industrial insurance under this title, determined under
38 uniform rules adopted by the commissioner; and

1 (b) For self-insurers, the premium that would have been incurred
2 had it insured its liability under this title with the state fund,
3 determined under uniform rules adopted by the commissioner.

4 (4) The assessment for each insurer must be calculated in the
5 following manner:

6 (a) The assessment for each insurer must be based on the adjusted
7 premium for the period immediately preceding the period to which the
8 assessment will apply;

9 (b) Until July 1, 2018, the periodic assessment must be adjusted
10 after each fiscal year to reflect the actual adjusted premium of each
11 insurer for that fiscal year, as determined by the commissioner;

12 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, each insurer
13 may be assessed annually a minimum amount not to exceed five hundred
14 dollars, as determined by the commissioner; and

15 (d) Beginning July 1, 2018, assessments must be determined for
16 insurers on a fiscal year basis and collected annually.

17 (5) Assessments are payable in full within thirty days of the
18 notice of assessment. If any insurer fails to pay the assessment by
19 the date due, interest may be charged on all past due amounts at a
20 reasonable market rate as may be established from time to time.

21 (6) In no event may any assessment made under this section exceed
22 four percent per annum of the total taxable industrial insurance
23 premiums in this state for the year immediately preceding the
24 assessment.

25 (7) Any amount resulting from or anticipated for expenditures
26 from the industrial insurance administrative fund that arises from
27 the uncorrected default of a self-insurer must be assessed only upon
28 self-insurers.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** Insurers other than self-insurers may
30 insure the industrial insurance obligations of employers as a group
31 if the following conditions are met:

32 (1) All the employers in the group are members of a statewide
33 organization that has been in existence for at least four years;

34 (2) The organization exists primarily for a purpose other than
35 that of obtaining or offering industrial insurance coverage or
36 insurance-related services;

37 (3) The group must be composed of employers who are substantially
38 similar considering the services or activities performed by the
39 employees of those employers; and

1 (4) The formation and operation of the group program in the
2 organization will improve accident prevention and claims management
3 for the employers in the group.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 51.16
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 It is a default whenever industrial insurance benefits due under
7 this title are not paid as required. Industrial insurance benefits
8 due must be paid as follows:

9 (1) When the default results from the failure of an employer to
10 secure the payment of industrial insurance benefits due under this
11 title, industrial insurance benefits must be paid by the commissioner
12 from the industrial insurance administrative fund. In addition to any
13 penalty imposed under RCW 51.48.010, the defaulting employer is
14 liable for payment into the industrial insurance administrative fund
15 the amounts paid from the fund by the commissioner plus market
16 interest on any outstanding balance. For the purpose of enforcing
17 this liability, the commissioner, for the benefit of the industrial
18 insurance administrative fund, is subrogated to all of the rights of
19 the person receiving the industrial insurance benefits;

20 (2) When the default results from the failure of a self-insurer
21 to make industrial insurance payments, industrial insurance benefits
22 must be paid by the commissioner from the industrial insurance
23 administrative fund only after the moneys available from the bonds or
24 other security provided under the requirements of this title have
25 been exhausted. The defaulting self-insurer is liable for payment
26 into the industrial insurance administrative fund the amounts paid
27 from the fund by the commissioner plus market interest on any unpaid
28 balance. For the purpose of enforcing this liability, the
29 commissioner, for the benefit of the industrial insurance
30 administrative fund, is subrogated to all of the rights of the person
31 receiving the industrial insurance benefits;

32 (3) When the default results from the failure of an insolvent
33 insurer as defined in RCW 48.32.030, to make industrial insurance
34 benefit payments, industrial insurance benefits must be paid by the
35 commissioner from the industrial insurance administrative fund. The
36 Washington insurance guaranty association, as defined by chapter
37 48.32 RCW, is liable for payment into the industrial insurance
38 administrative fund the amounts paid from the fund by the

1 commissioner in lieu of paying the amounts of industrial insurance
2 benefits directly to the claimant;

3 (4) In cases other than those involving insurer insolvency when
4 industrial insurance benefits are not timely paid or where the
5 payment of industrial insurance benefits are delayed as a result of a
6 dispute as to which insurer is responsible for the payment of
7 industrial insurance benefits, the payments must be made from the
8 industrial insurance administrative fund and the commissioner has the
9 right of recovery from the party or parties ultimately deemed
10 responsible for the payment of the industrial insurance benefits; and

11 (5) The commissioner may purchase insurance for the industrial
12 insurance administrative fund to pay for defaults under this section.
13 The administrative fund must be used to pay for the insurance, and
14 the liability of insurers is limited to the liabilities not paid by
15 the insurance. The commissioner shall actively pursue legal action to
16 collect payments to the industrial insurance administrative fund as
17 set forth in this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** The accident and loss experience records
19 and related data of the division of industrial insurance, for periods
20 before the effective date of this section, must be made available to
21 the licensed rating organization designated by the insurance
22 commissioner under section 12 of this act to assist in making
23 workers' compensation rates. The division of industrial insurance
24 must be reimbursed for the actual reasonable cost of reproduction and
25 delivery of the records and data.

26 **Sec. 19.** RCW 51.16.140 and 1989 c 385 s 3 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 ((1) Every employer who is not a self insurer shall deduct from
29 the pay of each of his or her workers one half of the amount he or
30 she is required to pay, for medical benefits within each risk
31 classification. Such amount shall be periodically determined by the
32 director and reported by him or her to all employers under this
33 title: PROVIDED, That the state governmental unit shall pay the
34 entire amount into the medical aid fund for volunteers, as defined in
35 RCW 51.12.035, and the state apprenticeship council shall pay the
36 entire amount into the medical aid fund for registered apprentices or
37 trainees, for the purposes of RCW 51.12.130. The deduction under this
38 section is not authorized for premiums assessed under RCW 51.16.210.

1 (2)) It shall be unlawful for the employer, unless specifically
2 authorized by this title, to deduct or obtain any part of the premium
3 or other costs required to be by him or her paid from the wages or
4 earnings of any of his or her workers, and the making of or attempt
5 to make any such deduction shall be a gross misdemeanor.

6 **Sec. 20.** RCW 51.32.073 and 1989 c 385 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) ((~~Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, each~~
9 ~~employer shall retain from the earnings of each worker that amount as~~
10 ~~shall be fixed from time to time by the director, the basis for~~
11 ~~measuring said amount to be determined by the director. The money so~~
12 ~~retained shall be matched in an equal amount by each employer, and~~
13 ~~all such moneys shall be remitted to the department in such manner~~
14 ~~and at such intervals as the department directs and shall be placed~~
15 ~~in the supplemental pension fund: PROVIDED, That the state~~
16 ~~apprenticeship council shall pay the entire amount into the~~
17 ~~supplemental pension fund for registered apprentices or trainees~~
18 ~~during their participation in supplemental and related instruction~~
19 ~~classes.)) Each insurer shall remit to the commissioner for the~~
20 ~~supplemental pension fund an amount to be determined by the~~
21 ~~commissioner. The moneys so collected shall be used exclusively for~~
22 ~~the additional payments from the supplemental pension fund prescribed~~
23 ~~in this title and for the amount of any increase payable under the~~
24 ~~provisions of RCW 51.32.075((, as new or hereafter amended,)) and~~
25 ~~shall be no more than necessary to make such payments on a current~~
26 ~~basis. The ((department)) commissioner may require a self-insurer to~~
27 ~~make any additional payments which are payable from the supplemental~~
28 ~~pension fund and thereafter such self-insurer shall be reimbursed~~
29 ~~therefrom.~~

30 (2) None of the amount assessed for the supplemental pension fund
31 ((under RCW 51.16.210)) may be retained from the earnings of workers
32 ((covered under RCW 51.16.210)).

33 **Sec. 21.** RCW 51.44.010 and 1961 c 23 s 51.44.010 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

35 Until July 1, 2017, there shall be, in the office of the state
36 treasurer, a fund to be known and designated as the "accident fund."

1 **Sec. 22.** RCW 51.44.020 and 1961 c 23 s 51.44.020 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Until July 1, 2017, there shall be, in the office of the state
4 treasurer, a fund to be known and designated as the "medical aid
5 fund."

6 **Sec. 23.** RCW 51.44.030 and 1961 c 23 s 51.44.030 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Until July 1, 2017, there shall be, in the office of the state
9 treasurer, a fund to be known and designated as the "reserve fund."

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** Sections 6 through 8, 10, 11, 13, and 16
11 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 51 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** Sections 3 through 17, 19, and 20 through
13 23 of this act take effect July 1, 2017.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** This act may be known and cited as the
15 Washington jobs act.

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