CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1755**

Chapter 145, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature

2017 Regular Session

WORKERS' COMPENSATION--THIRD-PARTY SETTLEMENTS--EMPLOYER NOTICE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

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| Passed by the House March 3, 2017  Yeas 97 Nays 0  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate April 4, 2017  Yeas 49 Nays 0  CYRUS HABIB  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1755** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  **Chief Clerk** |
| Approved April 27, 2017 10:56 AM | April 27, 2017 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**By** House Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Representative Manweller)

AN ACT Relating to notice to state fund employers for certain workers' compensation third-party settlements; and amending RCW 51.24.090.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 51.24.090 and 1995 c 199 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any compromise or settlement of the third party cause of action by the injured worker or beneficiary which results in less than the entitlement under this title is void unless made with the written approval of the department or self-insurer((~~: PROVIDED, That~~)). For a state fund claim, the department shall provide reasonable ongoing notice to the employer of the status of any compromise or settlement negotiations between the injured worker or beneficiary and the department, for the employer's information. For a state fund claim, notice to the employer is not required if the costs of the claim or claims are no longer included in the calculation of the employer's experience factor used to determine premiums; or if the employer cannot be located, is no longer in business, or requests that they not receive ongoing notice after the department provides timely notice of the settlement process to the employer. For the purposes of this chapter, "entitlement" means benefits and compensation paid and estimated by the department to be paid in the future.

(2) If a compromise or settlement is void because of subsection (1) of this section, the department or self-insurer may petition the court in which the action was filed for an order assigning the cause of action to the department or self-insurer. If an action has not been filed, the department or self-insurer may proceed as provided in chapter 7.24 RCW.

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