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1 Beginning on page 1, line 3, strike all of sections 1 through 4
2 and insert the following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 48.43.028 and 2001 c 196 s 10 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) To the extent required of the federal health insurance
6 portability and accountability act of 1996, the eligibility of an
7 employer or group to purchase a health benefit plan set forth in RCW
8 48.21.045(1)(b), 48.44.023(1)(b), and 48.46.066(1)(b) must be
9 extended to all small employers and small groups as defined in RCW
10 48.43.005.

11 (2) To the extent permitted under federal law, the eligibility of
12 individuals to purchase an association health plan must be extended
13 to all individuals, including employees of small employers and sole
14 proprietors."

15 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
16 internal references accordingly.

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17 On page 4, line 17, after "insert" strike all material through
18 "date." on line 20 and insert "amending RCW 48.43.028; and adding a
19 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) Removes the provisions related to standard benefit design, establishing a qualified health plan procured by the Health Care Authority, and establishing a premium assistance program.

(2) Requires, to the extent permitted by federal law, for eligibility to purchase an association health plan to be extended to all individuals.

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