

2 **SB 6322** - S Amd to S Comm Amd  
3 By Senator Anderson

4 On page 1, after line 16 of the committee amendment strike sections  
5 2 through 6 and insert:

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The insurance commissioner is authorized  
7 and directed to enter into negotiations with any and all available  
8 private sources of coverage required under the Longshoreman's and  
9 Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 901 through 950, and  
10 maritime liability coverage, to maintain or enhance availability of  
11 this coverage. Negotiations shall first focus on carriers currently  
12 providing coverage to Washington maritime employers with the goal of  
13 obtaining an extension of any announced termination of coverage  
14 availability.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The insurance commissioner in cooperation  
16 with the director of the department of labor and industries is  
17 authorized and directed to explore and evaluate all sources of  
18 reinsurance of workers compensation insurance required by the  
19 Longshoreman's and Harbor Worker's Act, 33 U.S.C. Secs. 901 through  
20 950, and to explore and evaluate various delivery systems for that  
21 reinsurance including purchase of the reinsurance by the Washington  
22 state industrial insurance fund

23 (a) on it's own behalf pursuant to a program of issuance of  
24 direct insurance, or

25 (b) on behalf of some other entity which would issue the direct  
26 insurance.

27 The study authorized by this section shall include other solutions

1 to the federal workers compensation coverage availability and  
2 affordability problems faced by Washington maritime employers,  
3 including but not limited to authorizing private insurers to provide  
4 workers compensation insurance under title 51 RCW.

5 The insurance commissioner and director of the department of labor  
6 and industries shall report their findings and recommendations to the  
7 legislature no later than January 1, 1993."