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By Representatives Jones, G. Cole, Heavey and Fuhrman; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of hospital in regard to self-
2 insurers; and amending RCW 51.14.150;

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.14.150 and 1983 c 174 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means a hospital
7 as defined in RCW 70.41.020(2) or a psychiatric hospital regulated
8 under chapter 71.12 RCW, but does not include beds utilized by a
9 comprehensive cancer center for cancer research.

10 (2)(a) Any two or more employers which are school districts or
11 educational service districts, ~~((+2))~~ or (b) any two or more employers
12 which are hospitals(~~(, as defined in RCW 70.39.020(3))~~), and are owned
13 or operated by a state agency or municipal corporation of this state,
14 or ~~((+3))~~ (c) any two or more employers which are hospitals(~~(, as~~

1 ~~defined in RCW 70.39.020(3))~~, no one of which is owned or operated by
2 a state agency or municipal corporation of this state (~~or subject to~~
3 ~~RCW 70.39.150(3))~~), may enter into agreements to form self-insurance
4 groups for the purposes of this chapter(~~(: PROVIDED, That)~~).

5 (3) No more than one group may be formed under subsection (2)(b) of
6 this section and no more than one group may be formed under subsection
7 (~~(+3)~~) (2)(c) of this section.

8 (4) The self-insurance groups shall be organized and operated under
9 rules promulgated by the director under RCW 51.14.160. Such a self-
10 insurance group shall be deemed an employer for the purposes of this
11 chapter, and may qualify as a self-insurer if it meets all the other
12 requirements of this chapter.