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## SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6067

State of Washington 56th Legislature 2000 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Thibaudeau)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to access to individual health insurance coverage;
- 2 and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the following
- 5 principles must be adopted in order to establish affordable health care
- 6 for individuals.
- 7 (1) Preserve access to appropriate health insurance coverage for
- 8 individuals regardless of their age, gender, or current health status;
- 9 (2) Retain the financial viability and solvency of both public and
- 10 private programs dedicated to providing insurance coverage;
- 11 (3) Create appropriate incentives for consumers to obtain and keep
- 12 insurance;
- 13 (4) Spread the cost of insuring those who need the most care among
- 14 the broadest community; and
- 15 (5) Increase the diversity of benefit packages available for those
- 16 purchasing insurance in the individual market.

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