

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1741**

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HEALTH CARE--BLIND VENDORS

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Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 5, 2002  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 21, 2002

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1741** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Fromhold, Alexander and Armstrong)

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to health care benefits for blind vendors; amending  
2 RCW 74.18.230; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The board shall offer a plan of health insurance to blind  
7 licensees who are actively operating facilities and participating in  
8 the business enterprises program established in RCW 74.18.200 through  
9 74.18.230, and maintained by the department of services for the blind.  
10 The plan of health insurance benefits must be the same or substantially  
11 similar to the plan of health insurance benefits offered to state  
12 employees under this chapter. Enrollment will be at the option of each  
13 individual licensee or vendor, under rules established by the board.

14 (2) All costs incurred by the state or the board for providing  
15 health insurance coverage to active blind vendors, excluding family  
16 participation, under subsection (1) of this section may be paid for  
17 from net proceeds from vending machine operations in public buildings  
18 under RCW 74.18.230.

1 (3) Money from the business enterprises program under the federal  
2 Randolph-Sheppard Act may not be used for family participation in the  
3 health insurance benefits provided under this section. Family  
4 insurance benefits are the sole responsibility of the individual blind  
5 vendors.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.18.230 and 1993 c 369 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) There is established in the state treasury an account known as  
9 the business enterprises revolving account.

10 (2) The net proceeds from any vending machine operation in a public  
11 building, other than an operation managed by a licensee, shall be made  
12 payable to the business enterprises (~~revolving fund~~) program, which  
13 will pay only the blind vendors' portion, at the subscriber's rate, for  
14 the purpose of funding a plan of health insurance for blind vendors, as  
15 provided in section 1 of this act. Net proceeds, for purposes of this  
16 section, means the gross amount received less the costs of the  
17 operation, including a fair minimum return to the vending machine  
18 owner, which return shall not exceed a reasonable amount to be  
19 determined by the department.

20 (3) All federal moneys in the business enterprises revolving  
21 account shall be expended only for development and expansion of  
22 locations, equipment, management services, and payments to licensees in  
23 the business enterprises program.

24 (4) The business enterprises program shall be supported by the  
25 business enterprises revolving account and by income which may accrue  
26 to the department pursuant to the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act.

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