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Brief Description: Creating the Washington health security trust.

**SB 5768 - DIGEST**

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Declares an intent to create a framework and process to involve the citizens of Washington state in the creation of a single financing entity called the Washington health security trust. Through public hearings, research, and consensus building, the trust will accomplish the following goals: (1) Provide fair, simple, and accountable health care financing for all Washington residents using a single health care financing entity; (2) cover a comprehensive package of effective and necessary personal health services; (3) make health care coverage independent from employment; (4) eliminate excessive administrative costs resulting from the current fragmented system of multiple insurers; (5) generate savings sufficient to ensure coverage for all Washington residents; (6) integrate current publicly sponsored health programs into the health security trust; (7) preserve choice of providers for Washington residents; (8) protect patient rights; (9) keep clinical decisions in the hands of health professionals and patients, rather than administrative personnel; (10) promote health care quality; and (11) control excessive health care costs.

Repeals RCW 82.04.260 and 48.14.0201.