

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6158

58th Legislature
2004 Regular Session

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YEAS 48 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6158 as
passed by the Senate and the House
of Representatives on the dates
hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Prentice, Benton and Winsley

Read first time 01/14/2004. Referred to Committee on Financial Services, Insurance & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington insurance guarantee association
2 act; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the consumers who
5 purchase workers' compensation insurance from the private marketplace
6 in Washington are not protected from the insolvency and liquidation of
7 these insurers. The legislature further finds that it is in the best
8 interest of the citizens of this state to provide a mechanism to
9 protect these policyholders from the insolvency of their insurers. The
10 insurance commissioner shall study the impact of covering workers'
11 compensation policies purchased on the commercial market under the
12 Washington guarantee association.

13 The insurance commissioner shall study and develop recommendations
14 regarding the following:

15 The impact and effectiveness of covering longshore and harbor
16 workers' compensation act insurance, as defined in 33 U.S.C. Sec. 901
17 et seq., under the Washington guarantee association. In the conduct of
18 this study, the insurance commissioner shall consult with appropriate
19 state agencies; United States longshore and harbor workers'

1 compensation act insurers; insurance carriers; insurance agents and
2 brokers; organized labor; the United States longshore and harbor
3 workers' compensation act assigned risk plan; and maritime employers.
4 The department of labor and industries shall consult with this study on
5 an ex officio basis.

6 The insurance commissioner also shall examine the impact of
7 excluding from guarantee protection workers' compensation policies
8 purchased on the commercial market for employments identified in RCW
9 51.12.020 and the impact of excluding workers' compensation policies
10 purchased by tribal employers and other groups affected by commercial
11 market workers' compensation products.

12 The insurance commissioner shall report the results of these
13 studies to the legislature not later than December 1, 2004.

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