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HOUSE BILL 3274

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By Representatives Conway, Serben and Dickerson

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1            AN ACT Relating to revising the industrial insurance self-insurance  
2 program; 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:

5            (1) It is fundamental to the Washington workers' compensation  
6 system that claims be adjudicated and resolved in a fair, informal, and  
7 cooperative environment that benefits the injured worker, the employer,  
8 and the department of labor and industries;

9            (2) With an appropriate auditing program and statutory penalty  
10 structure, more flexibility and authority for self-insured employers to  
11 administer their claims should be granted; and

12            (3) Revisions to the industrial insurance self-insurance program  
13 should be made to grant self-insured employers more authority to  
14 actively participate in workers' compensation claims.

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