

ESSB 5726 - H AMD TO IFCP COMM AMD (H-3265.2/07) **544**
By Representative Roach

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1 Strike everything after page 1, line 2 of the amendment, and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The insurance commissioner must conduct a
4 study of the existing statutes and case law regarding remedies and
5 causes of action related to claims practices of insurers. In the
6 study, the insurance commissioner must consult with stakeholders,
7 including representatives of the insurance industry, the Washington
8 state trial attorneys association, and consumer representatives. The
9 study must include a comparison of causes of action and remedies
10 available for first party claimants in Washington and other states.
11 The study must also review the correlation, if any, between increased
12 liability for insurers and impacts on premiums. The insurance
13 commissioner may make policy recommendations in the study. The
14 insurance commissioner must report his or her findings to the senate
15 financial institutions and insurance committee, the senate consumer
16 protection and housing committee, and the house of representatives
17 insurance, financial services and consumer protection committee by
18 December 1, 2007."

19 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The provisions of the bill are replaced with a study by
the insurance commissioner. The insurance commissioner must consult
with stakeholders. The study must include a comparison of causes of
action and remedies available concerning claims practices in Washington
and other states. The study must review any correlation between
increased liability for insurers and impacts on premiums. The

insurance commissioner may make policy recommendations in the study.
The study is due by December 1, 2007.

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