CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6584

61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Secretary of State State of Washington

Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6584** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Keiser, Schoesler, Roach, McDermott, and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/10.

AN ACT Relating to monitoring customer complaints and appeals and reporting them to the legislature; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 Beginning in 2011, the state health care authority must process as a complaint an enrollee's expression of dissatisfaction about customer 8 9 service or the quality or availability of a health service. The agency 10 must require that each health plan that provides medical insurance 11 offered under this chapter, including plans created by insuring entities, plans not subject to the provisions of Title 48 RCW, and 12 13 plans created under RCW 41.05.140 must submit a summary of customer 14 service complaints and appeals to the agency to be included in an 15 annual report to the legislature. Each annual report must summarize 16 the complaints and appeals processed by the state health care authority 17 and contracted carriers in the preceding twelve months, and include an

- 1 analysis of any trends identified. The report must be must complete by
- 2 September 30th of each year.

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