

EHB 2509 - S AMD 305

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The blueprint for safety program is established. The goal of the
6 program is to improve safety for employees and lower costs for
7 employers by assisting those employers for which the traditional safety
8 and health model has not been effective. The department shall design
9 the program to promote management and labor leadership in safety and
10 health as essential for long-term success. The criteria for
11 participation may include, but are not limited to: A history with the
12 department indicating a less than optimal leadership commitment to
13 safety and health, a rising experience modification factor, a recent
14 catastrophic workplace injury, a change in the employer's safety
15 management, and a request by the employer to participate. The
16 department shall expand the current blueprint for safety program to
17 include an additional department region of operation. The department
18 shall post information on its web page to provide information about the
19 program to employers. Participation by an employer is voluntary and
20 subject to approval by the department. The program shall supplement,
21 but not replace any of, the department's existing compliance or
22 consultation programs. The department shall adopt rules to establish
23 criteria for participation in the blueprint for safety program, and
24 shall initiate rule making in 2012. Funding for the blueprint for
25 safety program created in this section cannot be appropriated from the
26 medical aid fund or the accident fund, but shall be implemented within
27 existing resources."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter
3 49.17 RCW."

EFFECT: The department will expand the blueprint for safety
program to an additional agency region.

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