HOUSE BILL 2509

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By Representatives Chandler, Bailey, and Pearson

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving workplace safety and health by 2 enacting the blueprint for safety program; and adding a new section to 3 chapter 49.17 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 49.17 RCW 6 to read as follows:

7 The blueprint for safety program is established. The goal of the program is to improve safety for employees and lower costs for 8 9 employers by assisting those employers for which the traditional safety and health model has not been effective. The department shall design 10 the program to promote management and labor leadership in safety and 11 12 health as essential for long-term success. The criteria for participation may include, but are not limited to: A history with the 13 14 department indicating a less than optimal leadership commitment to 15 safety and health, a rising experience modification factor, a recent 16 catastrophic workplace injury, a change in the employer's safety 17 management, and a request by the employer to participate. The 18 department shall offer the program in each of the department's regions

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1 in the state, and shall provide information about the program to 2 employers who likely meet the criteria; however, participation by an 3 employer is voluntary.

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