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1 Beginning on page 1, line 5, strike all of section 1 and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

4 (a) The federal government passed the tax cuts and jobs act,
5 which reduces all penalties for failing to maintain minimum essential
6 health care coverage to zero;

7 (b) Maintaining minimum essential health care coverage is an
8 integral part of stabilizing the individual health insurance market
9 in the state and ensuring Washington residents have access to
10 affordable health coverage; and

11 (c) In the 1990s, Washington's individual health insurance market
12 collapsed, partially as a result of revoking the state requirement to
13 maintain minimum essential health care coverage.

14 (2) It is therefore the intent of the legislature to avoid
15 another collapse of the individual market by proactively exploring
16 options on implementing and enforcing a state-level requirement to
17 maintain minimum essential health care coverage."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "to" strike the remainder
19 of the title and insert "exploring enforcement of a requirement to
20 maintain minimum essential health care coverage; adding a new section
21 to chapter 48.43 RCW, creating a new section; and providing an
22 expiration date."

EFFECT: Removes requirements that an individual maintain minimum essential health coverage. Adds an intent section.

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