

SHB 1323 - S AMD TO HLTC COMM AMD (S-2353.1/21) **624**
By Senator King

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1 On page 5, after line 37, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. RCW 50B.04.080 and 2020 c 98 s 4 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Beginning January 1, 2022, the employment security department
5 shall assess for each individual in employment with an employer a
6 premium based on the amount of the individual's wages. The initial
7 premium rate is fifty-eight hundredths of one percent of the
8 individual's wages. Beginning January 1, 2024, and biennially
9 thereafter, the premium rate shall be set by the pension funding
10 council at a rate no greater than fifty-eight hundredths of one
11 percent. In addition, the pension funding council must set the
12 premium rate at the lowest amount necessary to maintain the actuarial
13 solvency of the long-term services and supports trust account created
14 in RCW 50B.04.100 in accordance with recognized insurance principles
15 and designed to attempt to limit fluctuations in the premium rate. To
16 facilitate the premium rate setting the office of the state actuary
17 must perform a biennial actuarial audit and valuation of the fund and
18 make recommendations to the pension funding council.

19 (2)(a) The employer must collect from the employees the premiums
20 provided under this section through payroll deductions and remit the
21 amounts collected to the employment security department.

22 (b) In collecting employee premiums through payroll deductions,
23 the employer shall act as the agent of the employees and shall remit
24 the amounts to the employment security department as required by this
25 chapter.

26 (3) Nothing in this chapter requires any party to a collective
27 bargaining agreement in existence on October 19, 2017, to reopen
28 negotiations of the agreement or to apply any of the responsibilities
29 under this chapter unless and until the existing agreement is
30 reopened or renegotiated by the parties or expires.

1 (4) (a) Premiums shall be collected in the manner and at such
2 intervals as provided in this chapter and directed by the employment
3 security department.

4 (b) To the extent feasible, the employment security department
5 shall use the premium assessment, collection, and reporting
6 procedures in Title 50A RCW.

7 (5) The employment security department shall deposit all premiums
8 collected in this section in the long-term services and supports
9 trust account created in RCW 50B.04.100.

10 (6) Premiums collected in this section are placed in the trust
11 account for the individuals who become eligible for the program.

12 (7) If the premiums established in this section are increased,
13 the legislature shall notify each qualified individual by mail that
14 the person's premiums have been increased, describe the reason for
15 increasing the premiums, and describe the plan for restoring the
16 funds so that premiums are returned to fifty-eight hundredths of one
17 percent of the individual's wages.

18 (8) For the purposes of collective bargaining on the behalf of
19 any state employee or public school employee, premium payments under
20 this section are not bargainable as part of any benefit package."

21 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
22 internal references accordingly.

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23 On page 8, line 12, after "50B.04.050," insert "50B.04.080,"

EFFECT: Prohibits the program's premium payments from being
included in any state employee's or public school employee's
collectively bargained benefits package.

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