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HOUSE BILL 1766

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By Representatives Macri, Thai, Scott, Parshley, Salahuddin, Ormsby, Pollet, and Reed

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- AN ACT Relating to prohibiting certain contracting practices by a health carrier acting as a third-party administrator for self-insured coverage offered to public employees; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 7 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) A health carrier acting as a third-party administrator for a self-funded plan offered to employees or school employees under this chapter may not require a hospital system owned or operated by the state of Washington to participate in any commercial health plan or product offered or administered by the health carrier as a condition for negotiations or participation in the self-funded plan.
- 14 (2) For purposes of this section, "health carrier" has the same 15 meaning as in RCW 48.43.005.

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