
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5632

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By Senators Keiser, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovelett, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting the health care of workers
2 exercising their right to participate in a labor dispute; adding a
3 new section to chapter 43.71 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.71
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By January 1, 2025, the exchange must establish a worker
8 health plan access program to help Washingtonians who lose health
9 care coverage provided by their employer or a joint labor management
10 trust as a result of an active strike, lockout, or other labor
11 dispute.

12 (2) Subject to the availability of funding, the exchange must
13 provide enrollment assistance to help maintain coverage for
14 individuals and their dependents who:

15 (a) Provide a self-attestation regarding loss of minimum
16 essential health care coverage from an employer or joint labor
17 management trust fund as a result of an active strike, lockout, or
18 other labor dispute; and

19 (b) Are eligible for coverage offered through the exchange.

20 (3) The exchange may request, and an applicable employer, labor
21 organization, or other appropriate representative, must provide,

1 information to determine the status of a strike, lockout, or labor
2 dispute, its impact to coverage, and any other information determined
3 by the exchange as necessary to conduct outreach and determine
4 eligibility for federal and state subsidies offered through the
5 exchange.

6 (4) The exchange must establish a process for providing outreach
7 and enrollment assistance, and may establish additional procedural
8 requirements to administer the program established in subsection (1)
9 of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
11 worker health care protection act.

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