## 1733 AMH APP BLAC 069

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## **HB 1733** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 4, beginning on line 5, after "employer," strike all 2 material through "50B.04.080 and" on line 6 and insert "premium" 3 assessments established under RCW 50B.04.080 must begin and the 4 employee" 5 On page 4, line 12, after "premiums" strike ", with interest" and 7 insert "from the employee, with interest at the rate of one percent 8 per month or fraction thereof" 9 10 On page 4, beginning on line 33, after "employer," strike all 11 material through "50B.04.080 and" on line 34 and insert "premium 12 assessments established under RCW 50B.04.080 must begin and the 13 employee"

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15 On page 5, line 1, after "premiums" strike ", with interest" and 16 insert "from the employee, with interest at the rate of one percent 17 per month or fraction thereof"

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19 On page 5, beginning on line 18, after "employer," strike all 20 material through "50B.04.080 and" on line 19 and insert "premium 21 assessments established under RCW 50B.04.080 must begin and the 22 employee"

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2.4 On page 5, beginning on line 25, after "premiums" strike ", with 25 interest" and insert "from the employee, with interest at the rate of 26 one percent per month or fraction thereof"

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- $\mathsf{L}$  On page 5, line 29, after "exemption" insert ", except for
- 2 premiums collected prior to the effective date of the premium
- 3 assessment under RCW 50B.04.080"

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- 5 On page 5, line 35, after "provided" insert ", except for premiums
- 6 collected prior to the effective date of the premium assessment under
- 7 RCW 50B.04.080"

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- 9 On page 6, after line 12, insert the following:
- 10 "Sec. 3. RCW 50B.04.050 and 2021 c 113 s 4 are each amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- 12 (1) The employment security department shall deem a person to be
- 13 a qualified individual as provided in this chapter if the person has
- 14 paid the long-term services and supports premiums required by RCW
- 15 50B.04.080 for the equivalent of either:
- 16 (a) A total of ten years without interruption of five or more
- 17 consecutive years; or
- 18 (b) Three years within the last six years from the date of
- 19 application for benefits.
- 20 (2) When deeming a person to be a qualified individual, the
- 21 employment security department shall require that the person have
- 22 worked at least five hundred hours during each of the ten years in
- 23 subsection (1)(a) of this section or each of the three years in
- 24 subsection (1)(b) of this section.
- 25 (3) An exempt employee may never be deemed to be a qualified
- 26 individual, unless the employee's exemption was discontinued under
- 27 section 2 of this act."

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29 Correct the title.

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<u>EFFECT:</u> Specifies that the payment of premiums is the responsibility of the employee after the conditions for an exemption no longer apply. Establishes that any interest due is at a rate of one percent per month or any portion thereof.

Specifies that the prohibitions on exempt employees receiving a refund of premiums paid prior to the effective date of the exemption do not apply to the refunding of premiums collected prior to the effective date of the premium assessment collection under the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program (Trust Program).

Specifies that the prohibitions on exempt employees receiving a refund of premiums paid prior to notifying an employer of the exemption do not apply to the refunding of premiums collected prior to the effective date of the premium assessment collection under the Trust Program.

Specifies that a discontinued exemption is an exception to the prohibition on exempt employees becoming qualified individuals.

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